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Collaboration and networking for research during New South Wales Surgeons Month

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Surgeons will be encouraged to engage in collaboration and networking activities during NSW Surgeons’ Month, in an effort to inspire more people to get involved in research, and to allow further collaboration with different stakeholders. The comprehensive event, that will also include a number of panel forums and lectures covering the barriers to surgical innovation, work-life-balance and surgical education, will be held from 24 October to 21 November at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) NSW State Office in Sydney.

One of the lectures, Barriers to Surgical Innovation will include a panel discussion involving four renowned surgeons accompanied by the New South Wales Minister for Health and the Minister for Medical Research Mr Brad Hazzard. The discussion will explore the issues around the challenges, time constraints and clinical demands that often hamper the surgeons’ ability to seek out academic pursuits.

The session will be chaired by Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon Assoc. Professor Payal Mukherjee, who says that surgeons are in the frontline of clinical need for biomedical innovation and many surgeons lead research in this field, but often find it too difficult to dedicate enough time to see their innovations mature into commercialisation.

“Those who are successful in combining academic pursuits whether it be clinical or basic science research, are only able to do so with a supportive infrastructure and adequate funding.

“Research is a team effort and collaboration between people with different skill sets is important. I am interested to hear from different stakeholders to make research less intimidating for Fellows and more productive,” A/Prof. Mukherjee said.

Those who have an interest in or are already involved in research are encouraged to attend.

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About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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