Duckett to discuss safety in surgery

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Grattan Institute Health Program Director, economist and well-known policy leader Dr Stephen Duckett will be presenting his keynote lecture Safety in Surgery in Victoria at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Victorian Annual Surgical Meeting on 21 October, 2017.

The lecture, which will analyse problem areas within public hospitals, the size of the safety problem in Victoria, and the scope for improvement, is part of a series of presentations on a range of topics from recognising unsafe surgery, survival rates in elderly patients, site infections in general surgery and the results of delays in theatre. Dr Duckett will also offer recommendations and solutions to identified issues.

Dr Duckett is known for his evidence-based innovation and reform in areas ranging from the introduction of activity-based funding for hospitals to new systems of accountability for the safety of hospital care. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science.

The Victorian Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in the Novotel Geelong.

Find out more and to register.

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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