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ACT surgeons recognise surgical educator of the year

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Teaching and mentoring students across Australia throughout his career, has earned Gastroenterologist and Trauma Surgeon Dr Philip Jeans the ACT Academy of Surgical Educators Supervisor of the Year Award.

The award is being presented today by Dr Jeans’ colleagues at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) ACT Annual Scientific Meeting in Canberra.

Sydney-born Dr Jeans completed his medical student training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and spent eight years in Newcastle becoming a surgical specialist. He helped set up the Liver Transplant Unit at the Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) in Adelaide after spending six years undertaking specialist training in Upper GI/Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic surgery.

Dr Jeans was instrumental in introducing modern laparoscopic surgery in Adelaide. After intensive training in the USA he did the first laparoscopic cholecystectomy, first laparoscopic appendicectomy and first laparoscopic antireflux operations at the FMC, and taught these ground-breaking techniques to many other surgeons.

In 1992 he relocated to Canberra helping to teach these techniques to the next generation of surgeons, and mentoring students from Newcastle University, the University of NSW, Flinders University, Queensland University, Sydney University and the Australia National University.

He has served on many committees and was Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee at The Canberra Hospital in the 1990’s.

The award recognises an exceptional contribution by a surgical supervisor or clinical assessor toward supporting Trainees or International Medical Graduates (IMGs) to fulfil the goals, values and the mission of the College.

Those nominated for this award have displayed inspirational role modelling, a deep understanding of and commitment to training and surgical education, involvement in professional development and a commitment to surgical education.

For more information about the 2017 RACS ACT Annual Scientific Meeting please see: https://www.surgeons.org/about/regions/australian-capital-territory/

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