

## Specialist Education Accreditation Committee

### Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2013 Progress Report - Review

Progress Reports Working Party Meeting: 8 October 2013

Specialist Education Accreditation Committee Meeting: 28 October 2013

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| Royal Australasian College of Surgeons<br>Date of last AMC assessment: 2011<br>Periodic reports since last AMC assessment: 2012<br>Re-accreditation due: 2017 |
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*Explanation of ratings:*

**Unsatisfactory**      *The College may not meet the related accreditation standard and AMC should investigate further.*

**Not Progressing**

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**Standard 1: Context in which the education and training program is delivered**  
Standards cover: structure and governance of the college; program management;  
educational

## Accreditation Recommendations – Standard 1

| Recommendation 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                |
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| Report to the AMC on the schedule of planned changes in its educational programs and the proposed time of implementation. Please include an update on changes to the assessment of generic and specialty specific basic sciences, and potential changes to the Fellowship examination. |                |
| Rating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Unsatisfactory |

Significant developments

Commentary



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| There are differing approaches by subspecialty, and they are within the spirit of this recommendation. |
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**Standard 5: Assessment**

Standards cover: assessment approach; feedback and performance; assessment quality; assessment of specialists trained overseas

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| Summary of accreditation status                                                                                                          |
| In 2012, this set of standards was found to be Met. It continues to be met. Overall, satisfactory progress is demonstrated in this area. |

Accreditation Recommendations Standard 5

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| Recommendation 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Research thoroughly the strengths, weaknesses, practicalities and generalisability of the Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise and Direct Observation of Procedural Skills as assessment tools in the local hospital setting and make public its findings.<br>The AMC notes that since the 2007 assessment, considerable literature has been written on |

## Statistics and annual updates

### Commentary – statistics and annual updates

Pass rates in the generic SSE and the cumulative pass rate in the Fellowship exam are good, but performance in specialty specific SSEs is more variable, and the pass rate in individual FEx sittings is also variable. The College has recognised this, and is taking steps to address.

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### Standard 6: Monitoring and evaluation

Standards cover: program monitoring and outcome evaluation

### Summary of accreditation status

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| AMC progress report requires reporting on changes in the selection process. |
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| Recommendation 25                                                                               |                |                 |             |                      |
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| Continue to collaborate with the jurisdictions to increase the output of well-trained surgeons. |                |                 |             |                      |
| Rating                                                                                          | Unsatisfactory | Not progressing | Progressing | Satisfied and closed |
| AMC                                                                                             |                | X               |             |                      |

## Standard 8: Implementing the training program – delivery of educational resources

Standards cover: supervisors, assessors, trainers and mentors and clinical and other educational resources

### Summary of accreditation status

In 2012, this set of standards was found to be Met. It continues to be met.

### Accreditation Recommendations – Standard 8

#### Recommendation 27

Report in annual reports to the AMC on:

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### **Standard 9: Continuing professional development**

Standards cover: continuing professional development; retraining and remediation of under-performing fellows

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| Summary of accreditation status |
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| In 2012, this set of standards was found to be Met. It continues to be met. |
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#### Significant Developments

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| Commentary – significant developments |
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