

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>REL-PCS-007</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>President &amp; Council Support</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Excellence in Surgery Award</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of an Excellence in Surgery Award. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

## 2. KEYWORDS

Awards Committee, Awards, Excellence in Surgery Award, Annual Scientific Congress

## 3. BODY OF POLICY

### 3.1. Background

- 3.1.1. In 1992 the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) resolved to create an award to recognise excellence in surgery in Australia and New Zealand.
- 3.1.2. The Award may be for clinical performance, research or education.
- 3.1.3. The Award may be made to an individual, a unit or a group.

### 3.2. Presentation

The presentation is normally made at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC)

### 3.3. Criteria for Award

A nominee must meet the following criteria:

- The highest level of surgical achievement by world standards;
- Leadership in the field in Australasia;
- Innovation and/or advancement in the field;
- Sustained standard and sustained worth of the innovation;
- The highest standards of surgical ethics

### 3.4. Nominations

- 3.4.1. The Excellence in Surgery Award is a Singular Award and a nomination can be accepted for discussion at any Awards Committee meeting but will usually only be approved and presented to Council for final approval at the October Awards Committee meeting.
- 3.4.2. A nomination for the Excellence in Surgery Award shall be made in confidence in writing by at least two Fellows of RACS to the Chair of the Awards Committee at least six (6) weeks prior to an Awards Committee meeting and shall contain evidence of how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominators are required to substantiate their recommendation with a demonstrable reason for the award.
- 3.4.3. The nomination shall be supported by the nominee's CV or other supporting documentation which should contain biographical details, information on appointments, membership of learned societies (and office held), and a list of publications. Nominations without this additional background information will be returned to the nominator for further documentation.
- 3.4.4. If approved by the Awards Committee at their October meeting, the name of the recommended nominee will be presented to Council for final approval.

### 3.5. The award

The award is in the form of a certificate and a plaque.

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**3.6. Financial implications for recipient of the Award**

As this award is normally presented at the ASC it is important to note that:

- 3.6.1. Travel and accommodation are not provided by RACS and costs will not be paid or reimbursed by RACS.
- 3.6.2. If being presented at the ASC, registration and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will be paid by RACS for the ASC at which the presentation is made.
- 3.6.3. Should the award be presented to a representative of a unit or a group, registration and banquet costs for the representative of such unit or group and their partner will be paid by RACS for the ASC at which the presentation is made.

**4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Excellence in Surgery Award procedure: REL-PCS-018

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