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Queensland Health

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Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

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# Memorandum of Understanding

# Parties

**Queensland Health** on behalf of the State of Queensland (**Queensland Health**)

**Royal Australasian College of Surgeons**  
**ABN 29 004 167 766**  
**(College of Surgeons)**

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This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets out a framework for co-operation between Queensland Health and the College of Surgeons to facilitate liaison, co-operation, assistance and the exchange of information.

It is intended to assist in the implementation of training opportunities in the private sector for surgical registrars employed by Queensland Health in the public sector.

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## **1 Purpose**

### **1.1 Objective**

The objective is to expand training exposure and opportunities for surgical registrars employed by Queensland Health through implementation of new models of training across the public and private sectors.

### **1.2 Recognition**

Queensland Health and the College of Surgeons desire to work in cooperation with one another to increase the scope of training of surgical registrars employed by Queensland Health. The parties recognise the importance of exposure for these surgical registrars to training in the private sector.

### **1.3 Agreement**

The parties have agreed:

- (a) to work together to expand the training opportunities for Queensland Health surgical registrars in the private sector where possible and practical;
- (b) that any model of training implemented must not impair, but enhance, the care of public surgical patients in Queensland.

### **1.4 Not binding**

The parties do not intend this MOU to create legally binding obligations between them.

### **1.5 Relationship of parties**

This document is not intended to create a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the parties.

Nothing in this document is intended to limit or restrict the separate relationships which exist or will exist between trainees and QLD Health and the College of surgeons respectively.

## **2 Queensland Health**

Queensland Health is committed to providing a range of services aimed at achieving good health and well-being for all Queenslanders. Queensland Health delivers a range of integrated services including hospital inpatient, outpatient and emergency services, community and mental health services, aged care services and public health and health promotion programs. Queensland Health engages personnel to perform in the position of surgical registrar.

## **3 College of Surgeons**

The College of Surgeons strives to ensure the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care to the community through excellence in surgical education, training, professional development and support. The College of Surgeons accredits advanced surgical training posts in Queensland and monitors the training opportunities and the trainees to promote compliance with training standards. Training is conducted in nine specialities under the auspices of the College of Surgeons. Placements will be made by agreement between the College and Queensland Health and will involve a contract between Queensland Health and the surgical registrar.

## **4 Liaison**

### **4.1 Meetings**

The parties agree that there will be regular liaison meetings between them to provide information on current matters which may be of interest to each party.

### **4.2 Consultation**

The parties agree that, where appropriate, they will consult with each other in relation to recent judgments, current law reform, policy issues, media releases and other matters of mutual interest.

### **4.3 Publications**

The parties agree that, where appropriate, they will consult with each other in relation to arrangements for joint publications and joint contact with stakeholder groups.

#### **4.4 Contact points**

Each party will appoint liaison contact officers for the purposes of liaison, communication and exchange of information between the parties under this MOU. Each party may change its liaison contact officers as necessary.

The particulars are initially:

##### **Queensland Health**

Address: P.O. Box 48  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Fax: (07) 3234 0062

Attention: Dr Suzanne Huxley, Principal Medical Adviser

##### **College of Surgeons**

Address: P.O. Box 50  
Spring Hill, Qld, 4004

Fax: (07) 3832 5001

Attention: The Chairman, Mr H Bartholomeusz

#### **5 Disputes**

Where there is conflict or disagreement between the parties over any issue relating to or covered by this MOU, the parties will seek to resolve the issue by negotiation between the Director General of Queensland Health and the President of the College of Surgeons (or the President's nominee).

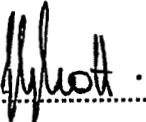
#### **6 Review of MOU**

The parties will keep the operation of this MOU under continuous review and will consult with each other with a view to improving its operation and resolving any issues that may arise.

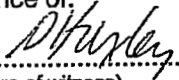
#### **7 Termination**

Either party may give written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this MOU. The MOU will terminate 30 days after the date upon which the notice was received.

Signed for and on behalf of  
Queensland Health:


  
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(signature)

JOHN SCOTT  
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(name)  
a duly authorised person, in the  
presence of:


  
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(signature of witness)

Date: 1 / 2 / 05

Signed for and on behalf of Royal  
Australasian College of Surgeons by:

  
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(signature)

IAN RONALD GOUGH  
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(name)  
a duly authorised person, in the  
presence of:

  
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(signature of witness)

Date: 04 / 02 / 05