

Thinking of Paediatric Surgery

Paediatric surgery is the diagnosis and treatment (operative and non-operative) of children (usually up to 15 years of age) who may require surgery. It includes non-cardiac thoracic surgery, general paediatric surgery, oncological surgery, urology in children and the management of congenital abnormalities both ante-natally and in the neonatal period. Also included is the management of major trauma in children.

For more information on Paediatric Surgery as a specialty in New Zealand [click here](#)

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) invites you to view interviews with experienced surgeons about their [study](#), practice and highlights.

Overview of Paediatric Surgery

To help guide junior doctors' career development during the early pre-vocational years, the College has established JDocs, a competency framework (JDocs Framework) supported by a suite of learning and assessment resources.

JDocs is available to any doctor registered in Australia and New Zealand, from and including internship, where the level of engagement is determined by the junior doctor.

For further information visit the [competency-framework](#) and [RACS competencies](#)

When selecting doctors for Surgical Education and Training (SET) RACS focus is on their potential to achieve the 9

RACS competencies:

1. Professionalism
2. Scholar/Teacher
3. Health Advocacy
4. Management and Leadership
5. Collaboration
6. Communication
7. Medical Expertise
8. Judgement – Clinical Decision Making
9. Technical Expertise

Specialty Training

6 Years

- Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 to 6
- Each SET is 12 months in duration

Entry Requirements

- [Generic Selection Requirements](#)
- [Specialty Specific Requirements](#)

The number of doctors selected for SET in Paediatric Surgery is not based on entry requirements alone but also on scoring high enough in the selection process to be offered one of the limited number of training positions.

The SET programme in Urology is bi-national and Trainees **must be prepared** to be assigned to positions anywhere in New Zealand and Australia.

Registration with the RACS as a Trainee in SET Paediatric is not training-site specific and lasts for the duration of the training programme, assuming satisfactory progression.

Specialty Training Programme Information

Medical College

[Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

The College is the principal body for the training and education of surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. Accreditation is given by the Australian Medical Council, on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia, and the Medical Council of New Zealand to conduct training and education of surgeons in Urology in Australia and New Zealand.

Fellowship/Qualification

Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in Paediatric Surgery.

Application and Selection Process

Examination Requirement

- RACS Examinations include the
- Clinical Examination,
 - Generic Surgical Sciences Examination,
 - Fellowship Examination.
- Information regarding RACS examinations can be found [here](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning

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Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical Education and Training (SET) programme in Paediatric Surgery is bi-national and the numbers in the table below cover both New Zealand and Australia.

Year	Number of applications for training year	Number of applicants for training year selected
2016	16	7
2015	27	7
2014	23	6
2013	21	6
2012	23	10
2011	17	4
2010	28	10
2009	26	7

RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
3	0	1	1	5

(September 2016 RMO census)

Regions

Northern:

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

Midland:

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

Central:

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

South Island:

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

NZ New Fellows (Some SET Trainees work for a year or more overseas before returning to NZ and applying for the award of FRACS).

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2016	0
2015	0
2014	2
2013	0
2012	0
2011	0
2010	0
2009	0

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
54	18	44

Number by Region (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
4.0	4	0.0	0	6.0	6	2.0	3	12.0	13