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Dear Sir, Madam

I am a 75 year old general surgeon who works entirely in medical research but retains an appointment at a major teaching hospital. Until 2020 I have a has a regular clinical role but from now will only use the appointment for referral of patients to radiology as part of our research into PTSD, blast injury and pain. Another research arm requiring participant/patient referral involves assessment of cellular and membrane instability associated with the development of breast and kidney cancer and to assess ovarian cancers before surgery.

I will have no trouble reaching RACS requirements for scientific meetings attended, supervision of 4 PhD students, attending multidisciplinary meetings and publications. However, I believe the clinical requirements of the College may now be more difficult to attain.

My clinically based work includes reviewing and assessing written radiology reports, contacting research participants (patients) when an abnormality is detected and then speaking to their GP, or when requested by the GP, referring to a specialist. An example is a routine brain MRI where the corpus callosum was absent.

Maintenance of my medical accreditation is needed for this group as my services as a principal come with an intimate knowledge of the technology and is free of charge.

Please can you advise what is proposed in the new guidelines for non practising researchers and how I will be affected?

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