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**RE: Supervised Practice Framework**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supervised Practice Framework. The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is supportive of the proposed framework and standards.

RACS seeks further clarification regarding the process for approving supervised practice arrangements, including the notification procedure and timeframe for approval.

In terms of additional subjects for AHPRA and the Board to consider, RACS has an established policy regarding the re-training, re-skilling and re-entry of Fellows, *Re-skilling and Re-entry Program Guidelines (attached)*, which is

- a) individualised, and
- b) competency based

In instances where a supervised practice arrangement is identified as needed for a Fellow, the College can notify the Board of the proposed supervised practice arrangement for approval.

RACS requests to be notified in circumstances where a condition is placed on the practice of a Fellow. Similarly, RACS can provide advice where a condition is placed on a Fellow's practice by the College.

The College is also able to provide support and advice in recommending appropriate supervisors, as needed.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl. *Re-skilling and Re-entry Program Guidelines*