

## 2019 Golden Scalpel Games® Expression of Interest



### Message from the Chair

It's that time of year again! We are preparing for the 8th annual Golden Scalpel Games® which will be held on Saturday, 17 August 2019. The venue will be the Sydney Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre (SCSSC) at Level 6, Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, NSW 2065.

I have approved the following call for Expressions of Interest from surgical aspirants which will be collated centrally by HETI and forwarded to the Networks for local selection processes.

Preference will be given to JMOs who have not previously participated in the Golden Scalpel Games®. JMOs who have participated in the past are encouraged to be team mentors and assist new team members with training and preparation for this year's competition. Two mentors should be nominated for each team.

Each team is to include a PGY1 representative, a PGY2 representative and a rural and/or Indigenous representative, so I encourage all junior medical officers with an interest in surgery to register an EOI. Travel and/or accommodation support is available for Indigenous JMOs and other JMOs attending from rural centres.

We look forward to you participating on the day.

**A/Professor Kerin Fielding**  
**Chair, Clinical Surgical Training Council**

### Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from highly motivated JMOs (PGY1+) with an interest in surgery to be a part of network teams competing in the annual HETI Golden Scalpel Games. An EOI would be welcomed from:

- PGY1 and PGY2 trainees with an interest in a career in surgery
- PGY3+ trainees currently engaged in the HETI Surgical Skills Training Networks

### Information for Applicants

The Surgical Skills Training Networks program is delivered through a partnership between HETI and the surgical training networks in NSW, supervised by HETI's Clinical Surgical Training Council (CSTC).

The Surgical Skills Training Networks are comprised of a collection of hospitals; including principal referral hospitals, major metropolitan hospitals and major regional or rural district hospitals. Networks are designed to provide Junior Medical Officers who wish to enter the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' training program with a diverse range of surgical, critical care and emergency medicine experiences.

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Each Network provides surgical skills training to its Junior Medical Officers, such as 'wet lab' workshops, lectures, anatomy tutorials, and 'dry labs' where trainees can practice skills in their own time or in a structured tutorial with a surgeon. Workshops are conducted to teach skills such as complex suturing skills, bowel and vascular anastomosis, chest drain insertion, management of trauma, laparoscopic techniques, anatomy and other surgical skills.

The Golden Scalpel Games will bring the surgical skills training networks together in a friendly competition to showcase the surgical skills of trainees. The day promises to be a fun way to highlight the importance of surgical skills training. It will also provide an ideal opportunity to meet and network with other prevocational and surgical trainees, network directors of training, site directors of training, education support officers, and key leaders of surgical training at the state level from HETI and the Clinical Surgical Training Council.

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### To apply:

Please send EOIs outlining your interest directly to HETI, to Anne Ndaba at [anne.ndaba@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anne.ndaba@health.nsw.gov.au) who will collate EOIs at the end of the EOI period and forward them to the Networks for local team selection processes.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 14 June 2019.

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** Your EOI must include your current Surgical Skills Network and/or Hospital. These details are important as the EOIs are sent to your Networks for local selection processing.

You should justify your EOI by demonstrating your involvement in both local and HETI education, training and representative activities. For example:

1. Formal locally organised education sessions
2. Organisational involvement in additional training (e.g. prosection courses or weekend anatomy courses)
3. Research activities
4. Audit/CME/MDT meetings (MDT e.g. GI Cancer MDT, Multidisciplinary Trauma Forum or Endocrine Tumour Specific MDT Meeting)
5. Network Governance representation
6. Mentoring/training of medical students
7. Surgical Grand Rounds
8. Participation as a surgical trainee representative on the HETI Clinical Surgical Training Council
9. Participation on the HETI Clinical Surgical Training Council Trainee Subcommittee
10. Participation in the annual HETI Surgical Skills Network Planning Day

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### Next Steps:

Network Directors of Training and Education Support Officers finalise clinical stations and how these will be assessed, as well as local arrangements for team selection. Once teams have been selected, you will be provided with a Participant Guide which includes information about the 2019 competition and a summary of clinical stations so that you can commence team training activities in preparation for the Golden Scalpel Games.

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