



**NORTHERN
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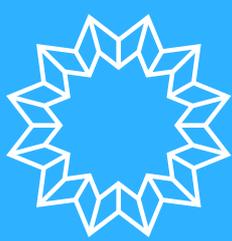
Overview

Northern Surgical Skills Training Network co-ordinates education and training for Surgical Senior Resident Medical Officers (SRMO) and provides administrative support for Northern Network Surgical Education and Training (SET) Trainees. The Surgical Skills Training Network is one of six in New South Wales (NSW) and offer training to a number of SRMOs who are preparing for entry into the accredited SET programs offered by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). The service also provides additional skills training to all prevocational doctors, particularly those who are interested in pursuing surgical careers.

Northern Surgical Skills Training Network includes Royal North Shore, Children's Hospital Westmead, Ryde, Mona Vale, Gosford and Wyong Hospital. The network is designed to provide surgically interested Junior Medical Officers (JMOs) within these hospitals with a diverse range of surgical, critical care, and emergency medicine experiences.

To support our networks surgical education and training, our team consists of:

- Network Director of Training (NDoT): Dr Johnny Kwei
- Education Support Officer (ESO): Ms Catherine King
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- Site Director of Training (SDoT): Dr Rita Poon (Gosford/Wyong)
- Head of Surgery (RNSH): Dr John Vandervord
- RNSH JMO Manager: Mrs Brianna Gerrie
- Ryde JMO Manager: Mrs Suganthi Premachandran
- Gosford/Wyong JMO Manager: Mrs Katherine Hill
- Manly/ Mona Vale JMO Manager: Mrs Tayia Yeates



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Health Education and Training Institute (HETI)

Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) supports education and training for excellent health care across the NSW Health system. They provide governance to the six surgical skills training networks including our Northern Network.

HETI's mission is to improve the health of NSW and the working lives of NSW Health staff through education and training. To do this, it works closely with Local Health Districts, Specialty Health Networks, other public health organisations and health education and training providers.

HETI ensures that education and training:

- Support safe, high quality, multi-disciplinary, team based, patient centred care
- Meet service delivery needs and operational requirements
- Enhance workforce skills, flexibility and productivity

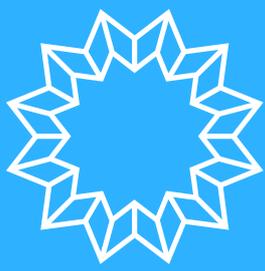
For more information please, download and read the HETI Strategic Plan

In addition, they run the following event and governance:

Golden Scalpel Games

The Northern Network team won first place in the Golden Scalpel Games on 14 August, 2016 making it the third win since the games began in 2012. The Golden Scalpel Games® have been run successfully over the past four years as the major education and training event for the HETI Surgical Skills Network.

The 2016 Northern Team consisted of Jonathan Kam (RNSH), Henry Shepherd (RNSH), Albert Kim (RNSH), Siobhan Fitzpatrick (RNSH), Tessa Morgan (RNSH), Amir Ashrafzadeh (Mona Vale Hospital), Brayden March (Gosford Hospital) and our amazing mentors, Dr Terry Le (RNSH) and Dr Jenny Son (RNSH).



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Dr Con Glezos created and marked one of the trauma stations which received great feedback from HETI. The team would like to thank Dr Johnny Kwei (Northern Network Director of Training) and Brianna Gerrie (JMO Manager) for all their time and assistance on the day. It is greatly appreciated.



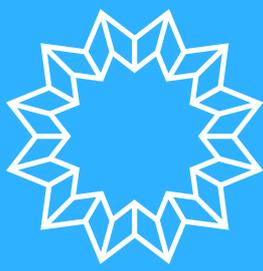
NSW Clinical Surgical Training Council (CSTC) Trainee Sub Committee: The role of the NSW Clinical Surgical Training Council (CSTC) is to monitor the effectiveness of the training networks in terms of the provision of high quality training and equitable distribution of the trainee workforce across the training networks. The Sub Committee provides a forum to raise issues affecting the education and training of surgical aspirants, and an avenue for these issues to be raised with the CSTC. Meetings are held at the most convenient time for members at HETI in the Medical Portfolio, Building 12, Gladesville Hospital or via teleconference.

For more information on HETI: <http://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/surgical/>

Education and Training

Surgical Grand Rounds: This is held every Monday between 5– 6pm in the Norman Nock Lecture Rooms 1 & 2, Level 5, Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital.

Trauma Radiology Meeting: This is held in the Radiology Conference Room 2, Level 2, Acute Services Building, Royal North Shore Hospital every Monday from 8am - 9am.



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GSSE Preparation Course: GSSE Preparation Course will be a three month program running from August 2017. The two hour session would run from 6 to 8pm and facilitated by SRMOs and Trainees who have passed the GSSE. It will be located in Room 5D/E, Acute Services Building, RNSH. The first hour would be a multiple choice exam based on the RACs online bank of questions and textbook pre-reading. The second hour would be a group workshop focusing on working through the more difficult questions.



Education Program:

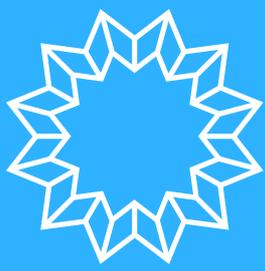
Our ESO, Catherine King will send out invitations to the Northern Network Senior Resident Medical Officers (SRMO) and surgically interested Resident Medical Officers (RMO). If you wish to be added to our mailing list for courses please email catherine.king2@health.nsw.gov.au. There are limited places in these workshops so it runs on a first in, first served basis.

In 2017, we are trialling having education on Saturday morning (9am - 1pm) to allow SRMOs more of an opportunity to attend. More sessions will be added to the schedule but current dates for 2017 are Interview Skills (2nd May), Bowel and Vascular Anastomosis (27th May), Nerve Blocks and Electrosurgery (9th September) and Flaps/Grafts and Tendon Repair (14th October).

Clinical Information Access Portal (CIAP)

CIAP provides access to clinical information and resources to support evidence-based practice at the point of care. This is great for surgery as it gives you access to all the great surgical journals i.e. Annals of Surgery and British Journal of Surgery and therapeutic guidelines i.e. antibiotic.

CIAP is available to all staff working in the NSW public health system. You can access CIAP via any hospital computer without login: <http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/>



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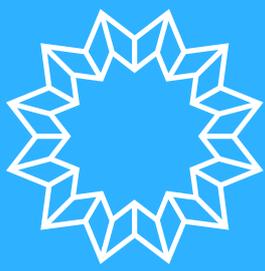
Surgical Senior Resident Medical Officer Position Description

The Senior Resident Medical Officer (SRMO) provides effective surgical services to patients under supervision in a complex clinical environment at Royal North Shore, Gosford, Wyong, Ryde and Mona Vale Hospital as part of the Northern Surgical Skills Network. As a part of your employment contract you may be expected to rotate within the above hospitals

The position will consist of 4 rotations. Surgical SRMOs within the Northern Training Network have the opportunity to undertake terms (rotations) in some of the following areas:

- ICU
 - Plastics
 - Gosford, Wyong, Mona Vale and Ryde General Surgery
 - Gosford Surgical Nights*
 - Gosford General Surgery/Plastic Surgery
 - Trauma
 - Vascular
 - General Surgery Relief –There are three trainees that cover a roster which combines the Northern Surgical Skills Network and the North Eastern Specialist Education and Training (SET) network (which includes North Shore Private Hospital, Hornsby Hospital and Lismore Hospital).
 - RNSH Surgical Nights*
 - Orthopaedics (Advertised Separately) - There are five trainees that rotate over the clinical year through terms at RNSH (4) and CHW (1)
- * Two trainees are allocated to these departments per term.

Term allocation is based on submitted preferences, training needs and future aspirations of the SRMO. SRMOs are required to hold an eligible medical degree (MBBS) with general registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA), have at least two years working as a medical officer and have experience in working closely with senior and junior clinicians.



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Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS)

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is an organisation training surgeons and maintaining surgical standards in Australia and New Zealand. The College's purpose is to be the unifying force for surgery in Australia and New Zealand, with FRACS standing for excellence in surgical care. The goal of any surgically interested JMO is to attain a position on the Surgical Education and Training (SET) program that is run by RACS. These programs are specialty specific.

RACS Exams and Skills Training Courses

The RACS Accredited Courses are listed below:

- Australia and New Zealand Surgical Skills and Education Course (ASSET)
- Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP)
- Critical Literature Evaluation and Research (CLEAR)
- Early Management of Severe Trauma (EMST)
- Training in Professional Skills (TIPs)