



## **Expression of Interest to participate in the 2019 Golden Scalpel Games<sup>®</sup> Student Edition**

**It is with great pleasure that HETI invites you to participate in the 2019 Golden Scalpel Games<sup>®</sup> Student Edition, to be held at the Sydney Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre at Royal North Shore Hospital, on Saturday 17 August 2019.**

It is expected that students from seven NSW/ACT universities will compete in the 2019 Golden Scalpel Games<sup>®</sup> Student Edition in their respective university teams. Indigenous medical students will also be invited to form an Indigenous team. Members of the Indigenous team will be drawn from all NSW universities and will train with their university team but join the Indigenous team on the day of the competition.

Student participation will be at no cost to the competitors except for transport to the venue.

The format for the competition is described below. Additional information will be available from your HETI university liaison surgical trainee.

- ❖ Each team will consist of six primary competitors and two reserves. The reserves will provide advice and support to the competitors, and will be able to substitute into 2 stations during the competition. On the day of the competition, the Games organisers will need to be notified of the stations where substitutes intend to participate.
- ❖ Students will be tested at eight stations assessing a range of surgical competencies which may include theoretical anatomy, suturing, knot tying, wound management (including burns), laparoscopy, basic trauma management and plastering.
- ❖ Teams will be scored by HETI Surgical Skills Network Trainees (SRMOs) in an independent manner.
- ❖ The highest performing team will be presented the Golden Scalpel Games Student Edition Perpetual Trophy at an awards ceremony at the close of the competition.

## **Guidelines for Team Selection for the 2019 Golden Scalpel Games® Student Edition**

- ❖ Each respective surgical society must elect a representative that will be the point of correspondence with their HETI university liaison surgical trainee. This representative will be involved in advertisement of the competition through an EOI process and selection of the team. The representative cannot participate themselves.
- ❖ Students that have already competed in previous Golden Scalpel Games® are encouraged to act as reserves, but should not be primary competitors. HETI has made it a priority that as many students as possible are given a chance at participation; and it is not in the interest of the competition for students to continually compete.
- ❖ The Golden Scalpel Games® Student Edition is a competition for all students within your universities medical program, not just the members of your surgical society. As such, there should be sufficient advertisement and assessment of all eligible medical students that express interest in the competition.
- ❖ It is recommended in the coming weeks that a call out is made through the general medical society Facebook page, as well as any mail out or email system that is in place. Students should have transparent access to the details of the competition as they are outlined in this invitation.
- ❖ Students expressing interest should be assessed by the competition representative. Ideally students will be given an evening to showcase their suturing, knot tying, and knowledge of anatomy. Using local selection criteria, it is expected they will be graded independently and the best performers will be selected for the team.
- ❖ The Dean of Medicine at each respective university must sign off on the competitor's participation in the competition.
- ❖ The Golden Scalpel Games® Student Edition presents a rare opportunity for students to showcase their surgical skill and network with surgical registrars and consultants. We very much hope that you will be in attendance come Saturday 17 August 2019, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm Regards,

**Dr Wendy Liu, Dr Aizat Amzar and Dr Jessica Henegan**

**Co-Chairs, HETI Clinical Surgical Training Council, Trainee Subcommittee**