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## Scientists recognised as partners in pathology

Scientists from Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia have been acknowledged for the vital role they play in medical diagnosis and research.

In a move to recognise the relationship between pathologists and medical scientists, the [Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia](#) (RCPA) inducted 170 scientists into the College's Faculty of Science at a ceremony in Melbourne on Saturday night.

The RCPA is the only Royal medical college in Australasia to welcome other professionals who are not qualified doctors into its ranks.

President of the RCPA, Associate Professor Paul McKenzie, says the decision of the College to broaden its membership is a sign of the essential place that scientists have in diagnosis, research and training.

"Pathologists are keenly aware that we can't do our job without the scientists who work with us.

"Pathologists and scientists work together to ensure the quality and reliability of pathological diagnosis. They are also involved in important research that leads to advances in medicine. We depend on each other's expertise and the move by the College to induct scientists as Fellows reflects that," says Prof. McKenzie.

The establishment of a Faculty of Science within the RCPA means that the College's expertise base will be even stronger, creating even more opportunities for the training of the medical and scientific professionals in pathology.

The induction of scientists was held as part of the RCPA's Pathology Update Conference in Melbourne last weekend.

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