

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) has been responsible for the training and professional development of pathologists for more than fifty years.

It is also responsible for the promotion of the science and practice of Pathology.

The principal object of the College as defined in the Articles of Association is:

“To promote the study of the science and practice of Pathology in relation to medicine; to encourage research in pathology and ancillary sciences, to bring together pathologists for their common benefit and for scientific discussions and demonstrations; and to disseminate knowledge of the principles and practice of pathology in relation to medicine by such means as may be thought fit.”

The College fulfils a range of roles for its Fellows and Trainees, which can be broadly defined in the following areas:

1. Training and Examinations

2. Continuing Professional Development

The College assists Pathologists to develop their knowledge and skills through continuing education, with its Continuing Professional Development Program (CPDP). The program is based on self-directed learning and practice improvement through participation in a wide range of educational and quality improvement activities.

3. Professional Practice Standards

The College has been actively involved in assisting with the setting of standards for laboratory practice and providing Fellows with a means to test the quality of their practice.

Medicine is Pathology

For more information on becoming an Affiliate Member of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia go to the College website at www.rcpa.edu.au/About/MembershipCategories

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Affiliate Membership



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The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) welcomes applications from qualified pathologists who are interested in becoming an Affiliate Member of the College.

Affiliate membership provides professional accreditation for medical professionals who have not undertaken the required training and examinations to become a Fellow of the College, but wish to align themselves with Australasia's peak diagnostic body.

Benefits of Affiliate Membership

College Affiliates benefit from their membership in a number of ways, including:

- Access to attend scientific activities of the College
- Attendance at College social activities
- Receipt of College publications where appropriate
- Ability to register for the Continuing Professional Development Program

Testimonials

"Being an affiliate member has been very beneficial. First and most importantly, the College offers an excellent Continuing Professional Development Program (CPDP) for pathologists that is the only program recognised and required by the New Zealand Medical Council for pathologists re-accreditation.

There are also numerous pathology conferences that are advertised by the College, including the annual Pathology Update and IAP Annual Scientific Meeting.

The College provides educational information, i.e. guidelines for Breast Cancer and Melanoma, and the networking made possible through College membership has meant easy access to specialist pathologists for obtaining 'second opinions' on difficult cases.

These are just a few of the many reasons to become an affiliate of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia."

John Viggiano, MedLab - New Zealand

"Becoming an affiliate facilitated my vocational registration in New Zealand."

*Duncan Lamont, Clinical Director
- Lab. Services, New Zealand*



Affiliate Membership Requirements

To be considered for Affiliate Membership, practitioners must complete an Application for Admission form, accompanied by certified copies of documents confirming their recognition as a specialist.

Consideration would be given for Affiliate Membership for individuals living in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia or Saudi Arabia.

Please note that Affiliate Membership does not include the use of post-nominals, nor the ability to vote at formal College meetings.

Further Details

For more details, visit the RCPA website at www.rcpa.edu.au or contact the College on +61 2 8356 5858 or rcpa@rcpa.edu.au.

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