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**RCPA CELEBRATES THE VALUE OF PATHOLOGY AT
INTERNATIONAL PATHOLOGY DAY 2016**

Caption (L-R): Debra Graves, Chief Executive Officer at the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA); Journalist, Sandra Sully; Greater Western Sydney Giants Footballer, Sam Reid; and Dr Michael Harrison, President of the RCPA, celebrating International Pathology Day (IPD) 2016.

Today, pathologists, scientists and laboratories around the globe - Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, the UK, Ireland, the USA, Canada, and South Africa – gathered to celebrate International Pathology Day (IPD) 2016.

Here in Australia, the [Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia](#) celebrated the fourth IPD in style, with a variety of guest speakers invited to share their individual story and discuss why pathology is important to them. The RCPA also released new position statements including guidelines on the management of diabetes. Sam Reid, Greater Western Sydney Giants Star, shared his personal experience living with Type 1 diabetes and the value that pathology has had on his diagnosis and treatment. Australian journalist and news presenter, Sandra Sully, assisted with leading the discussions and shared her own views on the importance of pathology.

Sam Reid said of living with Type 1 diabetes:

“INSERT QUOTE FROM SAM’S SPEECH.”

Sandra Sully discussed the value of pathology:

“I am delighted to this year be a part of International Pathology Day. Pathology plays such an important role in the health and wellbeing of every Australian by assisting in diagnosing and treating disease. By discussing the value pathology plays in the lives of Australians we can create a path to improving early detection of disease and in turn save lives.”

Dr Michael Harrison, President of the RCPA, said:

“This year’s International Pathology Day was dedicated to highlighting the value of pathology in the healthcare community and in the lives of everyone. We were very fortunate to have the support of individuals such as footballer, Sam Reid and journalist, Sandra Sully to help highlight the importance of pathology testing and diagnosis. By sharing stories and building awareness of pathology, we are informing patients and also securing the future of our healthcare system.”

Today, the RCPA announced new position statements regarding: Annual pathology testing in adult diabetes care; Serum Tumour Marker requesting, testing and reporting of results; Genetic testing for *5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase* (MTHFR); and patient expectations of pathologists.

For more information, visit our website www.rcpa.edu.au or see our updates on Twitter - [@PathologyRCPA](https://twitter.com/PathologyRCPA) - and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PathologyRCPA). #ValueofPathology #IPD2016 #MedicinesPathology #RCPA

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About the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia:

The RCPA is the leading organisation representing pathologists in Australasia. Its mission is to train and support pathologists and to improve the use of pathology testing to achieve better healthcare.

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