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**Royal Australasian
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Surgery

Northern Territory Medical Career Pathways

Flinders NT Regional Training Hub

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Surgery – Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

The Royal College of Surgeons (RACS) is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand.

Read more about the RACS [here](#)



Entry Requirements

- Completion of a medical degree from a recognised University and general medical registration to be able practise as a doctor in Australia or New Zealand
- The earliest point at which you may be able to apply to enter the RACS SET program is your third postgraduate year (PGY3) after university so that you are able to achieve the prerequisites for the individual surgical speciality you apply to

- Successful completion of the RACS specific [Hand Hygiene Learning Module](#) from the National Hand Hygiene Initiative 3 (NZ registrants must also complete the Hand Hygiene Australia Learning Module)
- [Generic Surgical Sciences Exam](#) (GSSE) must be passed either at the time of registration or by the close of SET applications
- Completion of the RACS Operating with Respect eModule
- Specialty Specific eligibility requirements. Some specialties require applicants to have passed the RACS [Clinical Examination](#) (CE) at the time of registration. Refer to the relevant speciality selection regulations to confirmation if this is an applicable registration requirement.

How to Apply

- Selection into Surgical Education and Training (SET) is a competitive process which occurs annually. Applications are scored and applicants with the highest scores are offered places in the SET program.

Total Training Time

Surgical Trainees work and train in hospitals under the supervision of experienced surgeons. The training year begins in February in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. The training program usually takes 4-6 years depending on the surgical speciality. The main components of SET training are:

- Clinical placements (or rotations) in accredited hospital training posts
- Short courses
- Research
- Assessments – including generic or speciality specific work-based assessments and examinations.

NT Surgical Training Pathways

The table below indicates current training positions available in the NT. Please use this as a guide only and refer to the relevant health service and RACS for current accredited training posts.

Training Site	Cardiothoracic	General	Neurosurgery	Orthopaedic	Otolaryngology Head and Neck	Paediatric	Plastic & reconstructive	Urology	Vascular
Royal Darwin Hospital (tertiary hospital)		•			•				
Palmerston Regional Hospital								•	
Gove District Hospital									
Katherine District Hospital									
Alice Springs Hospital (tertiary hospital)		•		•					
Tennant Creek Hospital									

- Training available

Contacts

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