



Surgeons join with trauma and health experts in Brisbane

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Queensland surgeons from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) will gather with Australian trauma experts and Queensland Health in Brisbane this weekend for their combined Annual State Meeting (ASM).

The ASM will merge with the Queensland Health Forum and the RACS Trauma Symposium at Brisbane City Hall from 4-6 November 2016.

The meeting focuses on the theme *Trauma – we’re all involved*, with presentations from specialist surgeons, Queensland Police and trauma experts who will be discussing the value of trauma registries and looking at topics such as trauma in Indigenous health care and the trials and tribulations of a Queensland burns surgeon.

Queensland Police will talk about modern and current crash investigation statistics and will present Queensland road injury data as well as specialist data on alcohol-fuelled violence.

RACS Vice President Spencer Beasley will attend the meeting to talk about the College’s work on discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment (DBSH) and the progress of *Let’s Operate with Respect* – the RACS campaign to help deal effectively with these issues.

Collaborating with employers through memorandums of understand and letters of intent, to build respect in surgery, is one of RACS’ core commitments in its Action Plan: Building Respect, Improving Patient Safety and RACS already has a strong track record of engaging with leading health organisations to commit to dealing more effectively with DBSH.

These agreements commit agencies into a shared vision to providing high quality training, education and experience in the practice of surgery.

Distinguished Orthopaedic surgeon Professor Michael Schuetz, a research leader in the field of trauma care and orthopaedic implant design, will speak at the ASM on German Trauma and Traumatology, from his new role as Chair for Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery at the Humboldt & Free University of Berlin. Prof Schuetz was previously Chair of Trauma at the Queensland University of Technology for 12 years from 2004-2016.

About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being:

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