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Dear Ms Portelli,

Draft National Competency Framework and Standards for Podiatric Surgeons

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is pleased to provide feedback on the ANZPAC Draft National Competency Framework and Standards for Podiatric Surgeons. In responding to this request, RACS has sought consultation from the orthopaedic surgical specialty society – the Australian Orthopaedic Association.

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. RACS represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 Surgical Trainees and International Medical Graduates (IMGs) across nine surgical specialties in Australia and New Zealand - Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head and Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

RACS Fellows have completed extensive surgical training in their chosen specialty, and demonstrated the highest skills across the nine RACS surgical competencies; after the completion of a medical degree. This contributes to ensuring they provide the utmost care and clinical outcomes for their patients.

RACS supports the position and submission of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, and believes the draft standards do not demonstrate the same stringent training requirements as the surgical professional.

RACS requests the opportunity to provide further input into the draft document as they develop.

Yours sincerely

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