

Patrick Pritzwald-Stegmann Scholarship in surgeon's honour

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Following the tragic death of cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Pritzwald-Stegmann following a workplace assault, the Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons (ANZSCTS) together with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) have established the Dr Patrick Pritzwald-Stegmann Cardiothoracic Young Achievers Award.

The initial funding has come from donations from colleagues of Dr Pritzwald-Stegmann and will support young Cardiac and Thoracic Trainees/Registrars to facilitate continuing medical education, research and training participation which has an academic affiliation. Fundraising will be ongoing to assist in growing this fund and being able to offer this award in perpetuity. All donations will be processed through the RACS Foundation for Surgery.

ANZSCTS will be responsible for determining the eligibility criteria and will advertise the Award and choose the appropriate recipient.

RACS President Mr John Batten said that Dr Pritzwald-Stegmann's commitment to the field of surgery will not be forgotten.

"The establishment of this award honours the work of one of the states most gifted cardiothoracic surgeons and will help to advance education and research in this speciality for years to come," he said.

RACS campaigns for respect in the workplace and against preventable injury. It condemns violence against frontline medical and hospital staff and advocates that all patients, visitors and staff in hospitals and emergency departments have the right to a safe environment.

Dr Patrick Pritzwald-Stegmann passed away in June this year following a one-punch assault at the Box Hill Hospital in Victoria on 30 May. This award has been established and named in his honour.

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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: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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