

Thinking of Specialty

Urology is the diagnosis and treatment (operative and non-operative) of patients with disorders of the urinary tracts in males and females, and male genital organs. It also includes the management of trauma to these organs and the management of male sterilisation, infertility and sexual dysfunction.

For more information on Urology as a specialty in New Zealand [click here](#).

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) invites you to view interviews with experienced surgeons about their [study](#), practice and highlights.

Training in Urology is coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Board of Urology which is responsible for the selection, placement and monitoring of all Trainees in this specialty in New Zealand.

Urology Training

To help guide junior doctors' career development during the early pre-vocational years, the College has established JDocs, a competency framework (JDocs Framework) supported by a suite of learning and assessment resources.

JDocs is available to any doctor registered in Australia and New Zealand, from and including internship, where the level of engagement is determined by the junior doctor.

For further information visit the [competency-framework](#) and [RACS competencies](#)

When selecting doctors for Surgical Education and Training (SET) RACS focus is on their potential to achieve the 9 RACS competencies:

1. Professionalism
2. Scholar/Teacher
3. Health Advocacy
4. Management and Leadership
5. Collaboration
6. Communication
7. Medical Expertise
8. Judgement – Clinical Decision Making
9. Technical Expertise

Specialty Training

6 Years

- Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 to 6
- Each SET is 12 months in duration

Entry Requirements

- [Generic Selection Requirements](#)
- [Specialty Specific Requirements](#)

The number of doctors selected for SET in Urology is not based on entry requirements alone but also on scoring high enough in the selection process to be offered one of the limited number of training positions.

The SET programme in Urology is bi-national and Trainees **must be prepared** to be assigned to positions anywhere in New Zealand and Australia.

Registration with the RACS as a Trainee in SET Urology is not training-site specific and lasts for the duration of the training programme, assuming satisfactory progression.

Specialty Training Programme Information

Medical College

[Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

The College is the principal body for the training and education of surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. Accreditation is given by the Australian Medical Council, on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia, and the Medical Council of New Zealand to conduct training and education of surgeons in Urology in Australia and New Zealand.

Fellowship/Qualification

Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in Urology.

Application and Selection Process

Examination Requirement

RACS Examinations include the

- Clinical Examination,
- Generic Surgical Sciences Examination,
- Specialty Specific Examination and
- Fellowship Examination.

Information regarding RACS examinations can be found [here](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning

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Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical Education and Training (SET) programme in Urology is bi-national and the numbers in the table below cover both New Zealand and Australia.

Year	Number of applications for training year	Number of applicants for training year selected
2016	78	16
2015	97	29
2014	No selection held	0
2013	84	21
2012	97	20
2011	74	26
2010	109	29
2009	114	25

RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
4	2	3	4	13

(September 2016 RMO census)

Regions

Northern:

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

Midland:

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

Central:

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

South Island:

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

NZ New Fellows (Some SET Trainees work for a year or more overseas before returning to NZ and applying for the award of FRACS).

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2016	1
2015	1
2014	3
2013	2
2012	1
2011	0
2010	3
2009	0

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
51	66	24

Number by Region (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
12.4	15	0	0	10.4	12	12.7	18	35.5	45