

## Thinking of Vascular Surgery?

Vascular surgery is the diagnosis and treatment (operative and non-operative, including endoluminal techniques and interventional procedures) of patients with disorder of the blood vessels (arteries and veins outside the heart and brain) and the lymphatic system. It also includes the management of trauma and surgical access to the vascular system.

For more information on Vascular Surgery 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 Vascular Surgery is coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Board of Vascular Surgery which is responsible for the selection, placement and monitoring of all Trainees in this specialty in New Zealand.

## Vascular Surgery 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

### 5 Years

- Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 to 5
- Each SET is 12 months in duration

## Entry Requirements

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

The number of doctors selected for SET in Vascular Surgery 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 Vascular Surgery 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 Vascular Surgery 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 Vascular Surgery in Australia and New Zealand.

### **Fellowship/Qualification**

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

## **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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Further information can be obtained on [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

## Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

### Demand for vocational Training Posts

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical Education and Training (SET) programme in Vascular Surgery 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	43	10
2015	47	10
2014	69	8
2013	58	15
2012	69	16
2011	52	11
2010	51	12
2009	63	16

### RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
0	0	1	1	2

(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

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

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
51	32	34

### **Number by Region** (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
6.5	7	4.6	5	5.0	5	0.0	0	16.1	17