

Volunteer Profile – A/Prof Parm Naidoo

Hospital/Practice: Southern Health, and Imaging Independently

Title: Director of Radiology, Dandenong Hospital (Southern Health), and Director of Imaging Education, Southern Health.

Volunteer role: Part 2 Examiner FRANZCR, Abdominal and Neuro-Radiology



How did you get involved? Nominated by previous Director of Radiology at Southern Health – 1994.

What does it involve? Two very intense days of examining often extremely anxious candidates in Sydney. Being fair, and giving candidates every opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and capabilities as aspiring radiologists.

What commitment is required? Rigorous and thoughtful selection of a range of cases to test each candidate's film interpretation skills and overall safety in dealing with various different pathologies displayed on different modalities.

What skills do you need to have? A good understanding of the disease processes in the particular viva subject. Being able to critically appraise the quality of the imaging that purports to demonstrate the pathology such that it is fair in the viva situation. Being empathetic, and not overly critical of candidates. Communicating clearly and succinctly with candidates in the viva setting.

What do you get out of it? Sense of contribution to the profession and having a small role in helping to maintain the high standard that has historically been associated with RANZCR Fellows.

Why do you enjoy it? Sense of contribution as well as seeing each new cohort of promising young radiologists come through. Catching up with other regular examiners, discussing various issues relating to their practices in other Australian centres and in New Zealand

What difference has it made to you? It has forced me to regularly update and keep abreast of advances in radiology. Additionally, my examiner experience and involvement in registrar teaching and supervision over the last 10 plus years have lead me to organise and convene a Radiology Review Seminar specifically focused on the Part 2 vivas. The inaugural seminar will be held in Melbourne in January 2012 and will be suitable for more senior radiology trainees.

Should other people become involved? Definitely

How can other people get involved? Simply apply!

The College is in need of examiners for its Part 2 viva exams in the area of:

- Abdominal Imaging
- Thoracic and Cardiovascular
- Mammography
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Neuro, Head and Neck
- Paediatrics
- Musculoskeletal
- Pathology

An application form and process can be downloaded from the College website at the following link: www.ranzcr.edu.au/component/docman/doc_download/591-rad-part-i-and-part-ii-examiner-application-process

Availability

Examiners are expected to be available at least once a year for their preferred area of examining.

Method of Application

To be considered for appointment, an application form must be submitted. The application form must be completed and accompanied by the applicant's curriculum vitae and two letters of support.

Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed by the Education Board; applicants will be notified in writing of the result of their application. Accepted applicants will be invited to attend a viva examination series as an observer.

Enquires

If you have any questions regarding the application process or duties of examiners, please contact Ms Julia Snedic, Senior Education Officer, Training Assessment and Accreditation (Radiology) on julia.snedic@ranzcr.edu.au or +61 2 9268 9710.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our members are integral to the future of radiology and radiation oncology. The College encourages its members to get involved. The College's mission as a Fellowship based organisation is to set, promote and continuously improve the standards of training and practice in radiology and radiation oncology, for the betterment of the people of Australia and New Zealand.

The College's ability to meet its mission and objectives is directly contributed to by the members who volunteer their time and expertise in numerous ways. The College has many ways members can make a contribution to the radiology or radiation oncology profession. For further information, please contact +61 2 9268 9704, email pamela.taylor@ranzcr.edu.au or visit www.ranzcr.edu.au/members/get-involved