

Volunteer Profiles



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Hospital/Practice:

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Position Title:

Registrar

Volunteer role with the College:

Chair of the Radiation Oncology Trainees Committee (ROTC) and Trainee Representative to the Faculty Board

What is it?

The ROTC is a committee of trainees who represent and advocate for trainees in a number of Faculty and external committees. We also serve as a direct conduit of information between the Faculty and trainees.

How did you get involved?

I noticed that representatives from my state were really enjoying the experience and I asked them for more information.

What does it involve?

The ROTC's responsibilities include organising training days, providing ongoing input into the curriculum including statistics and research components and ongoing assistance with the implementation of new learning resources such as the new amalgamated College website. The excellent work of the committee means that my major function as Chair is to coordinate these efforts and ensure the flow of information between the committee, trainees and the College.

What commitment is required?

Four full days are required to represent trainees at the Faculty Board. In addition, there is regular attendance at various

teleconferences and face-to-face meetings as well as ongoing attention to mainly email correspondence.

What skills do you need to have?

A genuine interest in radiation oncology as a profession is most important, but some basic organisational skills help too.

What do you get out of it?

I've enjoyed meeting and getting to know the other trainees on the committee. It is also very satisfying to see the trainees' views being considered in major decisions made by the Faculty. On an individual level, you are forced to develop leadership skills by organising and chairing meetings, and speaking and negotiating for the interests of trainees.

Why do you enjoy it?

It is an honour and exciting to be the trainee voice in the very significant decisions made by the Faculty Board.

What difference has it made to you?

It has given me a wider view of radiation oncology as a profession and has made me aware of just how influential trainees' opinions can be.

Should other people become involved?

Of course!

How can other people get involved?

Send me an email or speak to one of the ROTC representatives in your network: jimejackson@gmail.com

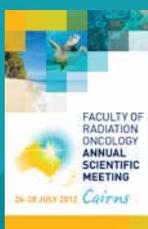
Volunteer Opportunity

There is an opportunity for two radiation oncologists to join the Faculty Quality Improvement Committee (QIC).

The aim of QIC is to promote a quality-centred approach by providing strategic and policy advice and conceptual models to ensure ongoing improvement in patient care bi-nationally. Quality has been identified as one of the Faculty's strategic directions for the next five years.

The committee is chaired by Prof Chris Hamilton, and meets four times per year via face-to-face meeting or teleconference.

If you are interested, please send your application to faculty@ranzcr.edu.au, along with your contact details by 15 July. Further details can be found on the College website at www.ranzcr.edu.au/members/get-involved



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