

# Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery (DCAS) course

Monday 10 May 2021, 7:15am – 4:30pm

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne

## 6:15 am Registrations and light breakfast

7:15am - 7:30am Welcome and Introduction - Tony Sparnon, Colin Martin and Jonathan Karpelowsky

## 7:30am - 9:30am Session 1: A Career in Academic Surgery

Why every surgeon can and should be an academic surgeon - Marc Gladman  
Finding your research question - Carrie Lubitz  
Finding the time – clinical work vs research, an ongoing conundrum - Christobel Saunders  
Burnout and wellbeing, a constant challenge - Julie Howle  
Academic engagement and navigation in a new virtual world - Eugene Kim  
Panel discussion

## 9:30am - 10:00am Morning Tea

## 10:00am - 11:00am Session 2: Inclusion and Diversity in Surgical Academia

Inclusion and diversity in surgical academia - How can we improve? - Lesly Dossett  
BLM an Australian Indigenous perspective - Where to in surgery? - Kelvin Kong  
BLM a U.S perspective - Where to in surgery? - Colin Martin

## 11:00am - 11:30am Hot topic in Academic Surgery: First in Human Trials - Michael Vallely

## 11:30am - 12:20pm Session 3: Tools for Academic Output

Preparing a conference abstract and presenting at a scientific meeting - Amir Ghaferi  
Writing and submitting a manuscript - Zara Cooper

## 12:20pm - 1:00pm Keynote Presentation: Disruption and Innovation in Academic Surgery - Peter Choong

## 1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch

## 2:00pm - 3:10pm Session 4: Concurrent Academic Workshops

### Concurrent Workshop 1: Finding My Niche / Fit / Tools of the Trade

Basic science translational research – bedside to bench to bedside - Michelle Locke  
Clinical research and randomised control trials - Michael Solomon  
Being part of international collaborative studies - developing and engagement in international RCT - David Gyorki  
Beyond medicine - Interdisciplinary collaboration - Payal Mukherjee  
Panel discussion

### Concurrent Workshop 2: Trainee Led Collaborative Trials

ACTA (Australian Clinical Trials Alliance) and the clinical trials landscape in Australia - Christopher Reid  
Engaging surgical trainees in collaborative research - Sean Stevens  
Starting early – Engaging medical students and their surgical societies in collaborative research - William Ridley  
Mentoring a trainee network – How I do it - Sarah Aitken  
Panel discussion

## 3:10pm - 3:30pm Closing Remarks

## 3:30pm - 4:30pm Networking Function

### DCAS Course Participation:

Physical registration: \$250.00 per person incl. GST (includes virtual platform access)

Virtual registration: \$100.00 per person incl. GST (provides access to sessions prior to lunch only)

### Register online:

[www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2021)

There are fifteen complimentary spaces available for interested medical students. Medical students who would like to register their interest, please visit

[www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2021) for further information.

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### Hot topic speaker:

Michael Vallely - Ohio, USA

### Keynote speaker:

Peter Choong - Victoria

### Who should attend?

Surgical Trainees, research Fellows, early career academics and any surgeon who has ever considered involvement with publication or presentation of any academic work.

If you have been to a DCAS course before, the program is designed to provide previous attendees with something new and of interest each year.

### 2019 comments:

*"A transformational day"*

*"Wonderful course, as a first-time delegate this was very inspirational. All of the speakers were highly knowledgeable"*

*"Really informative sessions... As a prevocational doctor*

*I felt that the course was perfectly targeted to me"*

*"A truly inspirational course"*

### Association for Academic Surgery and International Invited Speakers:

Zara Cooper - Massachusetts, USA  
Lesly Dossett - Michigan, USA  
Amir Ghaferi - Michigan, USA  
Eugene Kim - California, USA  
Carrie Lubitz - Massachusetts, USA  
Colin Martin - Alabama, USA

### Australasian Faculty includes:

Sarah Aitken - New South Wales  
Marc Gladman - South Australia  
David Gyorki - Victoria  
Richard Hanney - New South Wales  
Julie Howle - New South Wales  
Jonathan Karpelowsky - New South Wales  
Kelvin Kong - New South Wales  
Michelle Locke - New Zealand  
Payal Mukherjee - New South Wales  
Christopher Reid - Victoria  
William Ridley - New South Wales  
Christobel Saunders - Western Australia  
Michael Solomon - New South Wales  
Tony Sparnon - South Australia  
Sean Stevens - Victoria

### Notes:

New RACS Fellows presenting for convocation in 2021 will be required to marshal at 4:15pm for the Convocation Ceremony.

CPD Points will be awarded for attendance at the course with point allocation to be advised at a later date.

General Surgery Trainees who attend the RACS Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery course during their SET Training may, upon proof of attendance submitted to [board@generalsurgeons.com.au](mailto:board@generalsurgeons.com.au), count this course towards one of the four compulsory GSA Trainees' Days. Information correct at time of printing, subject to change without notice.

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