

Pathology Associations Council Charter

Introduction

The Pathology Associations Council brings together representatives of the various organisations that are involved in Pathology service delivery, with a particular emphasis on professional issues such as workforce, training, professional development, quality and safety.

Members

AACB	Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists
PA	Pathology Australia
AIMS	Australian Institute of Medical Scientists
ANZSBT	Australia and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion
ASC	Australian Society of Cytology
ASCIA	Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy
ASCEPT	Australian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists
ASM	Australian Society for Microbiology
ESA	Endocrine Society of Australia
HGSA	Human Genetics Society of Australasia
HISA	Health Informatics Society of Australia Ltd
HSANZ	Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand
IAP	International Academy of Pathology
NCOPP	National Coalition of Public Pathology
RCPA	The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia

The Council may co-opt members as required.

Aims

- To *advocate* and lobby with a unified voice on significant issues in Pathology selected by the Council and on which the Council can achieve a consensus view
- To advance the understanding of Pathology and its vital contribution to healthcare delivery in Australia and to promote it to government, other stakeholders and the general and medical communities
- To provide *advocacy* for quality in Pathology services
- To provide guidelines on systems to maintain and assure the quality of Pathology services in Australia

- To provide a forum for discussion and information-sharing between organisations involved in Pathology

Meetings

- Ordinarily there will be 2 Executive and 2 General meetings per year.

Activities

- To develop consensus statements to be used when lobbying governments and in advocacy roles
- To develop promotional material about the value of Pathology in healthcare
- Other projects/issues as they present themselves and only where consensus within the Council can be achieved

Executive Committee

There will be an Executive Committee for the PAC consisting of the PAC Chair and representatives from the following organisations:

- RCPA
- AACB
- AIMS
- HGSA
- ASM

Subcommittees

Subcommittees will be convened as required.

Other possible subcommittees may include Quality Issues, eHealth, Smart Requesting/ Reporting and Workforce.

Secretariat

The Chairmanship and Secretariat will be shared between the member organisations and rotated on a two yearly basis. It is recognised that some organisations are more resourced than others to be able to undertake this function.

A chairman elect would be identified during the second year of the term and attend the final executive meeting and general meeting as part of a handover process

Review

This Charter is to be reviewed every 2 years