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### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document outlines the policy for the governing the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize.

### 2. KEYWORDS

Paediatric Prize, Douglas Stephens, Research Prize. Paediatric surgery, Prize, Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Prize, Foundation for Surgery.

### 3. BODY OF POLICY

#### 3.1 Background

F Douglas Stephens made significant contributions to the science of paediatric surgery by an outstanding career in original research and practice. Many young surgeons, both in Australia, New Zealand and in many countries, have been profoundly influenced by working with him, or by the study of his authoritative publications. The Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize was established in 2009 under the auspices of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Paediatric Surgeons (ANZAPS) and the College for presenting in alternate years when ANZAPS meet at the College Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).

ANZAPS, as the official body representing Paediatric surgery for the College; liaises with and provides advice to the F Douglas Stephens Family Committee regarding the prize and administers the eligibility, entrants, judging and awarding of the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Prize.

#### 3.2 Eligibility Criteria

The applicant should be either a Paediatric Surgical Education and Training (SET) Program trainee or an RACS Paediatric Surgery Fellow.

The applicant should be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

#### 3.3 Selection Criteria

The prize is to support an original research project by the candidate in Paediatric surgery. Information about the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize and application including the prize winner, research topic and abstract is retained by ANZAPS Executive Officer. Details including eligibility criteria and the prescribed application form are made available on the ANZAPS website.

#### 3.4 Selection Process

The ANZAPS President is to convene a panel of three RACS Paediatric Surgery Fellows to judge the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize applications and monitor research progress.

The three judges appointed by ANZAPS, will score each application on the prescribed form. Scores for each candidate are collated and the candidate with the highest marks will be awarded the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize.

#### 3.5 Value of the Prize

The Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize will take the form of a monetary award, the amount to be determined by available funds, and the presentation of a certificate to be agreed with the family and organised by ANZAPS, following notification of the winner by ANZAPS.

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### 3.6 Financial Arrangements

The F Douglas Stephens Family Committee, in conjunction with ANZAPS, is responsible for raising funds for the prize by gifts made out to the Foundation for Surgery at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. These funds will be allocated to the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize Fund.

The Foundation for Surgery will administer the financial aspects of the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Prize Fund and notify ANZAPS of the amount to be used for the Prize. The F Douglas Stephens Family Committee is to liaise with ANZAPS to arrange production and delivery of the monetary award and agreed certificate.

### 3.7 Frequency of the Prize

The Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Prize will be awarded in alternate years when ANZAPS meet at the College Annual Scientific Congress (ASC), but in agreement between the F Douglas Stephens Family Committee and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, it may be delivered annually.

The selection committee reserves the right to withhold awarding the prize if there is no suitable applicant in an individual year.

### 3.8 Presentation of the Prize

The presentation of the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize should be made at a meeting of ANZAPS when it meets at the College ASC or at some significant biennial occasion determined by ANZAPS.

The ANZAPS President is to invite the F Douglas Stephens Family Committee to attend the event where the prize is to be awarded and for the presentation of research results.

The results of the research that have been supported by the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant will be presented at the ANZAPS annual scientific meeting in the year following award of the grant.

The Executive Officer of ANZAPS will notify the Manager of the College Conference and Events department when a Prize is to be awarded.

### 3.9 Information to applications

The Paediatric Surgery Scientific Convener is to advise the College Conference and Events department of the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize policy and request that information is available to potential applicants on the ASC abstract submission website. The Paediatric Surgery Scientific Convener in conjunction with the ANZAPS executive also designates an appropriate event during the ASC for the prize to be awarded.

### 3.10 Acknowledgements

The Foundation for Surgery, ANZAPS and F Douglas Stephens Family Committee are to be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, public announcement, advertising or other material relating to the Douglas Stephens Paediatric Surgery Research Grant Prize.

## 4. Communication

This policy is available on the College website.

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**5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

ANZAPS Douglas Stephens research grant prize application form.

**Approver** F Douglas Stephens Family Committee, ANZAPS President, College CEO.

Changes to this policy document may be made by collaboration between the F Douglas Stephens Family Committee, ANZAPS and the Foundation for Surgery.

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