



**GENERAL SURGERY  
SURGICAL EDUCATION &  
TRAINING PROGRAM**

**WA  
Regional Guide**

**2026**



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# Introduction

Welcome to the General Surgery Education and Training (GSET) Program in the WA Region.

There are various requirements to training that Trainees need to be aware of. Please use this regional guide along with the Training Regulations to familiarise yourself with these requirements to ensure a smooth journey during your time on the training program.

This guide is to assist you to understand how the WA region works, with important dates and information.

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is the principal body for the training and education of surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. General Surgeons Australia (GSA) collaborates with the RACS as an agent of the College, to administer the training program in Australia and manage the Australian Board in General Surgery (ABiGS). ABiGS is the overseer of the GSET Program and reports directly to the Board of Surgical Education and Training (BSET) and the RACS Council.

The General Surgery GSET Program is designed to ensure that the graduating General Surgery Trainee has the competencies and skills required to undertake core General Surgery procedures, is able to participate independently in an acute on call general surgical roster and is competent across the RACS Core Competencies.

General Surgery covers many surgical conditions. The curriculum provides an indication of the breadth of knowledge required. The curriculum should only be taken as a guide as to what you will be expected to cover during your training, as you will not necessarily be limited to the areas and conditions listed.

To assist you during your time on the GSET Program, please refer to the relevant Board in General Surgery Training Regulations.

The GSET Regulations can be found [here](#) - or go to the GSA Website, under For Trainees - Training Programs - GSET Program - GSET Regulations.

## WA REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

For further information on the General Surgery Training Program, or information provided in this Regional Guide, please contact the WA Regional Office:

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# Western Australia (WA) Training Committee

The Australian Board in General Surgery (ABiGS) of RACS oversees the conduct of the RACS Surgical Education and Training GSET program in General Surgery, reporting to the Board of Surgical Education and Training.

The current Chair of the Australian Board in General Surgery is A/Prof Gabby Vasica, FRACS.

Each region has a state-based Training Committee that reports directly to the BiGS. The Western Australia (WA) Training Committee of the Australian Board in General Surgery is responsible for providing recommendations to the Board on regional issues including trainee requests, selection, hospital inspections, and educational courses. The Committee also discusses and reviews the progress of trainees that have been placed on Probation or Performance Management Plan/Learning & Development Plan.

The WA Training Committee consists of the Chair Dr Sze Ling Wong FRACS, the Deputy Chair Dr Rhys Filgate FRACS, and a nominated Hospital Supervisor from each hospital with a General Surgery accredited post.

All correspondence to the Chair of the Training Committee is to come via the WA Regional Executive Officer.

The Training Committee meets four (4) times per year and reports to the Australian Board in General Surgery after each meeting. In most instances the Board will provide final approval to Trainee Requests.

The 2026 WA Training Committee meeting dates are listed below. Trainees wishing to submit a request or agenda item for discussion must submit their request by the due dates also listed below.

## 2026 WA TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

**PLEASE NOTE: As per the Australian Board in General Surgery Training Regulations**

<b>Mon, 16 February 2026</b>	Trainee request/agenda items due: Fri, 30 January 2026
<b>Mon, 18 May 2026*</b>	Trainee request/agenda items due: Mon, 27 April 2026*
<b>Mon, 17 August 2026</b>	Trainee request/agenda items due: Mon, 27 July 2026
<b>Mon, 16 November 2026</b>	Trainee request/agenda items due: Mon, 26 October 2026

**([www.generalsurgeons.com.au](http://www.generalsurgeons.com.au)), all trainee requests for interruption must be approved prior to 31 July by both the WA Training Committee and Australian Board in General Surgery so that requests can be reviewed and processed in time for the assignment of allocations and rotations in the following year. Requests submitted after this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.**

# Term Dates & Assessments

## TERM 1 2026

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**Term 1 Start Date:** Monday 2 February 2026

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**Term 1 End Date:** Sunday 2 August 2026

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**Mid Term Assessment due:** Sunday 3 May 2026, 5pm

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**End of Term Assessment + Logbook due:** Sunday 2 August 2026, 5pm

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## TERM 2 2026

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**Term 2 Start Date:** Monday 3 August 2026

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**Term 2 End Date:** Sunday 31 January 2027

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**Midterm Assessment due:** Sunday 1 November 2026, 5pm

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**End of Term Assessment + Logbook due:** Sunday 31 January 2027, 5pm

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### GSET MID TERM AND END OF TERM ASSESSMENTS:

Assessments are conducted at Mid-Term and End-of-Term via the Trainee Information Management System (TIMS). Please refer to the guides available on the GSA website and the GSET Training Program Regulations for further information.

**PLEASE NOTE: Regular reminders will be sent prior to the assessment due dates; it is the Trainee's responsibility to be aware of the above dates. Failure to submit an assessment by the due date is a breach of the Australian Board in General Surgery Training Regulations. The period of training may not be accredited resulting in the Trainee automatically commencing Probationary Training in the subsequent term pending a review by the WA Training Committee.**

# WA Rotations & Hospital Overview

## ALBANY HOSPITAL

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Warden Avenue, ALBANY WA 6330

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Roshan Nair Ramachandran

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 1 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** Albany is a regional centre based 4 hours southeast of Perth on the southern coast of Western Australia. The city has a population of 33,000 with a catchment population of 60,000 within the Great Southern Region. The Albany Regional Hospital is a brand-new facility with 30-day beds and 78 inpatient beds. The theatre complex consists of 3 operating theatres, a procedure room and endoscopy suite. Anaesthetic services are overseen by a full-time consultant anaesthetist and several very experienced GPA's. There is a 6 bed HDU staffed by intensivists or FACEM's from Perth and the emergency department is staffed by a FACEM and a variety of local and visiting staff ranging from FACEM's to emergency trainees, local GP's to residents.

The surgical department consists of 3 resident General Surgeons and 1 resident orthopaedic surgeon, there are several visiting specialists covering ENT, Plastics, Urology, Orthopaedics. The junior surgical team consists of an intern, resident, orthopaedic resident, unaccredited orthopaedic trainee and the training trainee. The visiting ENT specialists allows exposure as the first assistant to parotid and salivary gland surgery, radical neck dissections and tonsillectomy. There is also the facility to learn cystoscopy and ureteric stent insertion.

The major focus of the term is however general surgery and as would be expected from a rural term this is an expansive term. The trainee would be expected to gather experience in Endoscopy, Colonoscopy, Colorectal, Breast, Hernia and Gall Bladder Surgery.

The weekly schedule is

- Monday Endoscopy/Outpatients
- Tuesday Theatre all day
- Wednesday Theatre all day
- Thursday Endoscopy all day
- Friday Endoscopy/ half day

Accommodation is provided by the hospital free of charge in a unit complex in the middle of town, close to the shops and social life. All junior staff reside in the same complex leading to a strong bond. If required larger accommodation for families is sourced by the hospital in a local rental property.

## ARMADALE KELMSCOTT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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3056 Albany Hwy, ARMADALE WA 6112

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Siva Sundararajan

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 2 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** Exposure to elective and emergency general surgery. This includes endoscopy, laparoscopic surgery, breast and colorectal surgery. AKMH currently has two surgical trainees who work with the five General Surgeons. Emergency call is covered by the two trainees and five service trainees.

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## FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL

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South East Corner, Education Building, 102-118 Murdoch Drive, MURDOCH WA 6150

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Anand Trivedi

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 6 x GSET posts. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** Fiona Stanley Hospital is a new 783 bed quaternary referral hospital situated 12Km south of Perth CBD. FSH opened in February 2015 and is the 'Hub' Hospital for the Southern Metropolitan Area of Perth. FSH focuses on complex elective and emergency general surgery, receiving referrals from its 'Spoke' hospitals in the Southern Corridor.

FSH is now conjoined with Fremantle Hospital, which performs low to mid-level elective general surgery and endoscopy- FSH trainees will occasionally travel to FH to maximise their surgical/endoscopic training

There are 4 units - colorectal, upper GI, breast/endocrine/paediatrics and acute surgical units. Each has a GSET trainee (2 on ASU), fellows and a mixture of fulltime, academic (UWA affiliated) and sessional consultants. There are regular multidisciplinary Cancer, Radiology/pathology, Audit and Grand Round meetings.

Starting next year, a dedicated Breast Unit training position will be established across Fiona Stanley and Fremantle Hospitals. This unit will offer exclusive training opportunities across all aspects of breast surgery, including operating sessions (benign, malignant, oncoplastic & reconstructive), clinics, and multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings, providing a comprehensive educational experience.

## FREMANTLE HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICE

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Alma Street, FREMANTLE WA 6160

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Prof Marina Wallace

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 2 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** The Fremantle Hospital general surgery term provides a broad case mix with differing complexity and opportunities for audit and research. This 6-month position provides exposure to elective general surgery, benign upper GI, colorectal and breast surgery. Trainees will have access to two endoscopy lists per week with training in both upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy including therapeutic procedures.

Through on-call commitments at Fiona Stanley Hospital's Acute Surgical Unit (ASU), trainees will have to opportunity to learn emergency general surgery. Trainees are rostered to ASU on Thursday and 1:6 weekends.

This position would be suited for any trainee looking for a broad exposure to general surgery in a great teaching hospital with friendly staff.

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## **JOONDALUP HEALTH CAMPUS**

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Cnr Grand Boulevard and Shenton Ave, JOONDALUP WA 6027

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Simon Keelan

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 5 x SET (also 5 service registrar positions). 6-month rotation.

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Unit 1: Endocrine/bariatric

Unit 2: Colorectal surgery

Unit 3: Bariatric/HPB/Peritonectomy

Joondalup Health Campus offers exposure to a broad spectrum of general surgery.

Nine general surgeons comprise three surgical units. The hospital has one of the busiest emergency departments in the state and has a steady general surgical emergency workload with a daily emergency operating list. All registrars participate in the on call roster and emergency operating. There are opportunities for registrars to attend regular endoscopy sessions for public patients. There is a fortnightly cancer MDM in addition to quarterly M&M meetings. Fortnightly consultant led teaching sessions are also offered.

### **POSITIONS:**

**UNIT 1:** One GSET trainee will work alongside three endocrine surgeons and one bariatric/general surgeon. This unit features good learning opportunities for junior GSET trainees in both elective general surgery and endocrine surgery. All surgeons are enthusiastic teachers. Junior trainees will benefit from the close supervision and high volume. This would also be a good rotation for more senior trainees wishing to gain operative experience with thyroid and adrenal surgery. There is access to one endoscopy list per week.

**UNIT 2:** The colorectal unit accommodates two GSET trainees. There are three full-time high volume colorectal surgeons, who offer surgery for malignant and benign disease. The unit is seeing an increase in advanced laparoscopic techniques including intra-corporeal anastomoses and TAMIS. There are 2 - 4 endoscopy lists per week. The colorectal surgeons are enthusiastic teachers and log book numbers are high. Trainees benefit from exceptional access to operative opportunities as there are no fellows on the team.

**UNIT 3:** Two GSET trainees work alongside 3 surgeons and 1 bariatric fellow. This unit covers a broad range of surgical procedures including laparoscopic benign upper GI and the state bariatric surgery service for public patients. The unit also has a strong interest in complex abdominal wall reconstruction. The position is best suited to a GSET 3/4 trainee owing to the technical complexity of many cases.

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## OSBORNE PARK HOSPITAL

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c/o Daina Cook, Management Services, B Block, Osborne Place, Stirling, WA 6021

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Rhys Filgate

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 1 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** There is exposure to elective general surgery, and general surgical clinics. Osborne Park Hospital has two surgical trainees (one is a SET Trainee, the other is a Service trainee who predominately services urology). There are 4 RMOs divided into two teams.

There is emergency on-call every second Sunday at SCGH, there is no midweek on-call. Plenty of exposure to theatre, clinics and ward responsibilities. A lot of “bread and butter” General Surgery useful to the junior SET trainee or a senior trainee needing to prepare for exam. There is also a monthly Robotic Colorectal list and is a great opportunity to become an accredited Da Vinci Robotic Assistant.

This is a great opportunity to develop basic surgical skills, and improve competence in hernia repairs, cholecystectomy, proctology, breast surgery - including oncoplastics and endoscopy/colonoscopy.

## PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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Crn Winthrop Ave and Monash Ave, Nedlands WA

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Parshotam Gera

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 2 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** The trainee will get exposure to elective and emergency general and laparoscopic Paediatric surgery and urology, including trauma and burns. The Perth Children's Hospital has 9 surgical trainees/ fellow posts. There are usually 3 x senior Fellows (usually overseas), 2 x Paediatric surgery trainees, 2 x general surgery trainees and 2 x service registrar divided into three teams

## ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL

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Department of General Surgery, Level 5 South Block, Wellington Street, PERTH WA 6847

**HOSPITAL SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Mr Patrick Tan

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 6 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotations.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Unit 1: Colorectal (access to colonoscopy and anal manometry)

Unit 2: Upper GI and Hepatobiliary

Unit 3: Endocrine/

Unit 4: Breast

Unit 5: General

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## ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL CONT.

Of the six posts:

1.	Colorectal Unit 1	6 consultants in a busy Colorectal unit with 5 operating lists; colonoscopy lists at RPH and Bentley and 1 anorectal monometry list per week. Good exposure to open and laparoscopic benign and malignant colorectal cases.  3 Colorectal clinics per week.  Ideally suitable for a GSET 2, 3 and 4 trainee.
2.	Colorectal Unit 1	
3.	UGI/HPB Unit 2	5 consultants consisting of 3 upper GI surgeons, 2 hepatobiliary surgeons in the unit. The unit has a good mix of oesophageal/ gastric and hepatobiliary surgeries. For oesophageal, biliary and pancreatic surgeries - only non malignant cases are performed at RPH. Good exposure for a GSET 3 or 4
4.	Endocrine Unit 3	4 consultant unit with endocrine surgery as the main focus. The trainee will have very good exposure to thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and salivary gland surgeries. Ideal for a GSET 3 or 4 trainee.
5.	Breast Unit 4	4 consultant unit. The workload consists mainly of benign and malignant breast surgical cases and onco-plastic reconstruction performed by the unit surgeons. The unit has a breast fellow. Suitable for a GSET 2 or 3 trainee.
6.	General Surgery Unit 5	5 consultants units with mainly general surgical workload and some renal access work. Ideal for a GSET 2 or 3 trainee.

All trainees participate in the on-call General Surgery roster and will also cover Trauma when required, allowing exposure to management of trauma cases as part of the State Trauma Unit. Despite the allocations into subspecialty units, a significant portion of the workload for all units involves management of acute General Surgical cases via the Acute Surgical Unit.

There is a high surgical caseload and all trainees should be able to fulfill their log book numbers for major cases. Fellows attached to Colorectal, Upper GI and Breast units.

All units will be involved with and have access to:

1. MDT meetings to discuss cancer cases
2. Monthly departmental Morbidity and Mortality meetings
3. Weekly radiology meeting.
4. Journal clubs presentation - 5 meetings per year
5. Trauma Grand Rounds
6. Gastrointestinal meetings (including IBD MDT meetings) and presentations
7. Monthly case based teaching supervised by a consultant (prior to M&M)

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## SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITAL

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Hospital Avenue, NEDLANDS WA 6009

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Yuki Watanabe

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 4 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** SCGH department of surgery covers all aspects of both emergency and elective general surgical workload, each unit has a full complement of staff and provides a 1 in 4 on call roster for the emergency work load.

Colorectal, Upper GI, Breast, Liver and Transplant.

From 2026, there will be non-CSSANZ and CSSANZ fellow allocated to colorectal units (previously one colorectal unit is split into two units) - one for colorectal (pelvic exenteration) and other for sarcoma unit (2 colorectal units and one fellow for each unit) - with this change, there may be future request for another GSET trainee to be allocated to colorectal unit. (formal request not been submitted yet)

UGI unit - will have one fellow, 1 GSET trainee

Breast unit - will have 2 fellows, and 1 GSET trainee

HPB unit - will continue to have 2 fellows, 1 GSET trainee

Each unit has minimally two RMO and multiple interns.

There are 3 Service registrars allocated on each unit for a rotating roster to cover nights and leave.

## ST JOHN OF GOD MIDLAND

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Clayton Street, BELLEVUE WA 6056

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Dr Joel Stein

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POSTS:** 2 x GSET. This is a 6-month rotation in one of the two General Surgery Unit training posts.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital is a 307-bed public hospital providing hospital services for patients in Perth's east metropolitan and Wheatbelt regions.

There is good exposure to medium acuity acute and elective general surgery endoscopy and colonoscopy and outpatients. There is a good cohort of enthusiastic general surgeons who are engaged in this hospital and keen to teach. The hospital has excellent facilities, and excellent access to quality radiology and pathology.

**UNIT 1:** this unit provides a good exposure to general surgery, colorectal surgery and endoscopy/colonoscopy.

**UNIT 2:** this unit provides a good exposure to general surgery, endocrine surgery, benign upper GI surgery and endoscopy/colonoscopy.

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## **SOUTH WEST HEALTH CAMPUS**

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PO Box 5031, BUNBURY WA 6231

**SURGICAL SUPERVISOR:** Mr Nikhil Agrawal

**NUMBER OF TRAINING POST:** 2 x GSET and at Bunbury Regional Hospital. This is a 6-month rotation.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** Trainees allocated to Bunbury Regional Hospital will have exposure to peripheral hospitals throughout the Southwest and SJOG Bunbury. The Trainee will have excellent General Surgical exposure including Colorectal, Breast & Melanoma Surgical Oncology (Plenty of Elective theatre work, fortnightly Colorectal and Breast MDT meetings and Outpatient Clinic opportunity).

Trainees will participate in acute admissions and operating, with on-call shared between General Surgery Trainees, a Urology Trainee and six Service trainees. The on calls are busy and rewarding, with a wide range of acute surgery and trauma cases. Service trainees cover the afterhours week days and weekdays and weekend Night on calls.

Additionally, Trainees will have good exposure to Bariatric surgery, Benign Upper GI surgery, Hand surgery, Renal access work, Thyroid & Parathyroid surgery. Trainees enjoy their additional Rural experience in Busselton, Bridgetown, and Collie Hospitals, allowing them extra theatre time to focus on improving their surgical techniques with one-on-one Consultant mentoring, whilst increasing their Logbook Scope numbers, Major and Minor theatre cases. There is excellent Colonoscopy & Gastrosocopy training opportunities from numerous Endoscopy lists; many of our Trainees find sufficient numbers for GESA Conjoint Committee Accreditation.

A Junior Doctors teaching program, quarterly Morbidity & Mortality Meetings, quarterly Surgical Journal club meetings, weekly Grand Rounds, and Unit Audit & Research opportunities allow the Trainees to expand their RACS core competencies of Collaboration and Teamwork, and Scholarship and Teaching. Our Trainees also find our fortnightly Radiology meetings excellent teaching forums. Trainees can continue to access the WARTS teaching program online and are encouraged to teach JMO's and Medical Students (who have an excellent training program with the Rural Clinical School, UWA/Notre Dame).

While the Bunbury term has traditionally been excellent grounding General term for junior SET trainees, we have had excellent feedback that senior year SET 4/5 Trainees have benefited immensely - from the FRACS Exam Viva Practice sessions, supportive Exam Leave cover, ENT/H&N/Urology Viva sessions, regular Journal club meetings to our inaugural 2020 Bunbury FRACS Mock Exam.

Accommodation will be provided via the hospital. Annual leave and Professional Development Leave cover is readily accommodated. The Southwest Region of WA is renowned for beautiful beaches and surfing culture, relaxed lifestyle, with Margaret River wineries, restaurants, and parklands at our doorstep, perfect for time-out with families. Our country's hospitality welcomes you.

# TIMS Overview

The Trainee Information Management System (TIMS) provides all Trainees with the ability to view accurate and current information relating to their training.

TIMS allows trainees to view their training profile and to action the following activities:

- Submit/complete assessments and logbooks
- Submit trainee requests
- View hospital rotations
- View complete and outstanding requirements
- View training start date, expected end date and maximum training date

TIMS is accessible through the GSA website ([www.generalsurgeons.com.au](http://www.generalsurgeons.com.au)) via the member login option, enter your RACS ID and password.

**PLEASE NOTE: Only access TIMS in Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge for optimal functionality - DO NOT access TIMS through Safari.**

If your contact details have changed for any reason, please update TIMS immediately or contact the WA Regional Office to advise.

# Trainee Requests

Trainee requests are reviewed by the WA Training Committee. Requests can be submitted at any time during your time on the General Surgery Training Program to communicate your needs, movements, and completion of specific requirements.

Trainee requests need to be submitted to the WA Training Committee using the Trainee Information Management System (TIMS) and all leave requests must be submitted no later than 30 June.

There are several reasons for submitting a Trainee Request:

- Interruption to Training: Parental Leave, Medical Leave or Personal.
- Interruption to Training: Research
- Other: Used for 'other matters' such as a small exemption of a requirement due to valid reasons.
- Overseas Training
- Flexible Training - Part Time or Split Rotation
- RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning): Skills Courses
- Accelerated Learning
- Additional Clinical Training
- Transfer Region
- Extension to Training
- Withdrawal from General Surgery

Requests must be submitted by the trainee request deadline (two weeks prior to each Committee meeting). Failure to do so may delay the request until the next meeting.

It is important to discuss requests with your supervisor as they need to be aware of the circumstances surrounding your request. Additionally, some requests require you to include a letter of support from your supervisor.

All requests will be reviewed and discussed by the WA Training Committee, who will then make a recommendation to ABiGS. ABiGS provide final approval/non-approval and will communicate the outcome directly to trainees.

## **A NOTE ON TAKING LEAVE:**

Please consider taking annual leave as it accrues in conjunction with your unit's relieving availability/ requirements, as everyone wants the Christmas period off and all hospitals need to continue functioning. Training regulations limit leave in any surgical term to 6 weeks.

## **RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE**

The WA Research Subcommittee reviews all trainee requests pertaining to research including research RPL, research pre-approval and completion of the research requirement.

The Subcommittee makes recommendation to the WA Training Committee, who in turn makes recommendations to the Australian Board in General Surgery for final approval (except research pre-approvals which only require approval from the Regional Training Committee).

Further information on the Research Requirements can be found in the GSET Training Regulations.

Trainee request deadline dates can be found [here](#) - or go to the GSA Website, under For Trainees - Education & Training - WA Training Committee.

# GSET Logbooks

GSET Trainees will use the Australian Board in General Surgery Logbook. The General Surgery Logbook is based on a pre-defined list of procedures, each of which is assigned a number of points. Points are then awarded based on the supervision level when procedures are approved.

Colonoscopy and Endoscopy procedures will also be entered into the General Surgery Logbook and will be counted as per the Regulations.

## **ACCESS TO GENERAL SURGERY LOGBOOK**

The General Surgery Logbook can be accessed via TIMS. Your current rotation will automatically be allocated. Once your rotation is rated, your next rotation will also be automatically allocated, however if you have procedures that need to be entered for your previous term, you will still have the ability to enter that information.

## **WHEN ARE POINTS AND SCOPE NUMBERS UPDATED TO YOUR PROGRESS BAR**

Your points and scope number will be shown in the progress bar once your rotation is marked as Meeting Performance Expectation.

# Surgical Education & Assessment Modules

Trainees who commence on the General Surgical Education and Training (SET or GSET) Program in General Surgery will be required to complete the Surgical Education and Assessment Modules (SEAM).

SEAM is an online e-learning program comprising eight (8) modules, which have been developed by the Australian Board in General Surgery. Trainees must successfully complete the following modules during the first two (2) clinical years of SET in General Surgery:

1. Acute Abdomen
2. Anatomy
3. Haematology
4. Nutrition
5. The Operating Theatre
6. Peri-operative Care
7. Post-Operative Care (including Rehabilitation and Palliative Care)
8. Trauma & Critical Care

Successful completion of each module is defined as achieving the minimum pass mark in the summative assessment for each module.

Further information regarding the regulations governing SEAM is outlined in the Training Regulations which can be accessed on the [GSA website](#) via For Trainees - Training Program - GSET Program - GSET Regulations.

Instructions on accessing SEAM are outlined in the procedures manual on the [GSA website](#): via Trainees - Training Program - GSET Program - SEAM.

## TO ACCESS SEAM MODULES

1. Go to [www.generalsurgeons.com.au](http://www.generalsurgeons.com.au)
2. Select the 'Login' button
3. Enter your RACS ID and password
4. Click on the app launcher in the top left corner, select SEAM

It is recommended that you use your personal computer (not a public or hospital computer) and only one browser (preferably Firefox) when completing modules. This will ensure that your answers are saved and only accessible by you over multiple sessions. There have been compatibility issues with Internet Explorer 9, Safari and Moodle. We recommend installing Firefox to avoid progression issues.

**Please Note: Trainees who do not satisfactorily complete all eight (8) modules by mid-term in the second term of their second clinical year will be recommended for dismissal from the Training Program.**

# WA Educational Sessions & Courses

## **WA REGISTRAR TRAINING IN SURGERY PROGRAM**

### **CONVENORS: DR LINDA VU AND DR VICTOR YAU**

The WA Registrar Training in Surgery (WARTS) program consists of a series of monthly tutorials for General Surgery Trainees. The Co-Convenors of the program are Dr Linda Vu and Dr Victor Yau. The sessions are facilitated by Fellows and guest speakers who kindly volunteer their time. The yearly program includes the following:

- Peer Presentations in Interactive Group Format
- Specialist Lecture Presentation Sessions
- Expert Discussion Panels with Question Time

The sessions are held at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Ground Floor, 216 Stirling Highway Claremont, between 1.30pm-5.30pm on a weekday each month. Dates of the sessions are emailed to Trainees at the beginning of the year and are advertised on the GSA website in the events section. Light catering is provided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is compulsory, and the minimum attendance rate is 80% as set by the WA Regional Training Committee and supported by the Australian Board in General Surgery. Surgical Supervisors and Consultants are aware and supportive of the WARTS teaching sessions, however, it's the Trainee's responsibility to notify the appropriate hospital staff of the dates of the WARTS sessions well in advance so that the Trainee's absence can be covered.

If the 80% minimum attendance is not met it may result in the term not being accredited. Trainees are required to attend all sessions face to face at RACS, except those allocated to Bunbury & Albany who may log in via GSA Online. Trainees may be required to attend any other training sessions organised by your hospital.

### **WEBCASTS**

The educational webcast program provides recordings of all educational sessions that are undertaken in each of the regions including the WARTS sessions. These are available in the member's area of the GSA website ([www.generalsurgeons.com.au](http://www.generalsurgeons.com.au) under For Trainees> Educational Resources) and are usually uploaded within 5 business days after a session. These webcasts provide a valuable educational and exam preparation resource.

*For further information regarding the educational sessions and courses provided, please contact Erin Purcell by email: [gsa.online@generalsurgeons.com.au](mailto:gsa.online@generalsurgeons.com.au)*

# National Educational Program

## TRAINEES' DAY REQUIREMENT

The GSA Trainees' Day is a National educational activity, held twice each year as follows:

### MAY

- Virtual program, delivered via GSA Online
- usually held on the Monday of the RACS Annual Scientific Conference week

### OCTOBER

- face-to-face
- held the day before the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting
- location rotates around Australia

The program aims to cover the breadth of the General Surgery Curriculum, over a five-year cycle. GSA Trainees' Day programs are recorded, and where presenter consent is provided, published as part of the GSA Webcast program for access by all Trainees.

Trainees must attend at least four (4) Trainees' Days over the course of their training. GSET Trainees are required to attend a minimum of two (2) face-to-face Trainees' Days, or their equivalent, to meet the Training Requirement.

## GSA EQUIVALENT PROGRAMS

The following GSA programs may also count towards one (1) of the four (4) compulsory Trainees' Days:

### GSA MANAGEMENT OF SURGICAL EMERGENCIES (MOSES) COURSE

- open to GSET 3 and above
- face-to-face
- held twice a year in April/May and October

### GSA (VICTORIAN) TRAINEES' WEEKEND

Minimum of two (2) days attendance at the GSA (Victorian) Trainees' Weekend

- open to all Trainees, regardless of region
- face-to-face
- usually held in June

## OTHER EQUIVALENT PROGRAMS

There are other courses that may contribute to the Trainees' Day Requirement. Please refer to the Regulations for further details.

# Who to contact?

Although the WA Regional Office is here to help, it may save you time to go directly to the people that can make a difference.

If your query relates to:

- **Hospital Training issues** - contact first the Unit Supervisor, then your Hospital Supervisor.
- **Employment/Human Resources** - contact the Hospital Administration or Alma Mater Hospital Administration.
- **Training experience** - contact your Unit or Hospital Supervisor
- **Term Allocations** - contact your Hospital Supervisor
- **SEAM** - email [admin@generalsurgeons.com.au](mailto:admin@generalsurgeons.com.au)

For any other issues e.g. TMS or TIMS Issues, Trainee Requirements, Training Regulations, Trainee Requests please contact the GSA WA Regional Office.

## RACS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Coping with the demands of a busy profession, maintaining/developing skills and knowledge whilst also balancing family/personal commitments can be difficult and challenging. RACS recognises that Trainees may face demanding situations on a daily basis and therefore offer a confidential Support Program.

RACS is committed to providing support to surgeons to assist them appropriately through difficult situations. Information about the RACS Support Program can be found on the RACS Website: <http://www.surgeons.org/member-services/college-resources/racs-support-program/>

## DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATION, BULLYING AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons has a zero tolerance policy concerning unreasonable behaviour from its Trainees, Fellows and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs). RACS is committed to building a culture of respect in surgery and improving patient safety through identifying and addressing unacceptable behaviours. Behaviours considered unacceptable are detailed in the Unacceptable Behaviours fact sheet available on the RACS website.

RACS has a formal process for lodgement of complaints relating to discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment. More information can be found on the RACS website: <http://www.surgeons.org/about/racs-complaints-hotline/> or by calling the RACS Complaints Hotline: 1800 892 491.

# Important Contacts

## GSA STAFF

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## ABIGS AND WA TRAINING COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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A/Prof Gabby Vasica	Chair, Australian Board in General Surgery
Dr Victor Yau	WA Trainee Representative

# WA Trainee Representative

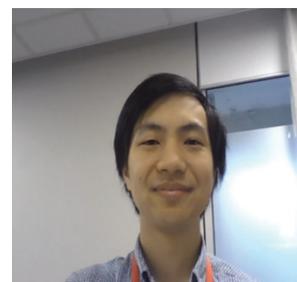
## DR VICTOR YAU

The role as the WA Trainee Representative is to ensure that all WA trainees in General Surgery are adequately represented with the issues that are of concern to them and/or their training. Specific, or local interests will be advocated for at the WA Training Committee meetings and more general training issues will be discussed at the Training Representative Subcommittee meetings. Trainees are encouraged to contact the WA Trainee Representative should you require any advice or support.

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Prof Marina Wallace	Fremantle Hospital
Dr Anand Trivedi	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Dr Simon Keelan	Joondalup Health Campus
Dr Rhys Filgate	Osborne Park Hospital
Dr Parshotam Gera	Perth Children's Hospital
Mr Patrick Tan	Royal Perth Hospital
Dr Yuki Watanabe	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Dr Joel Stein	St John of God, Midland
Dr Nikhil Agrawal	South West Health Campus