

Trainee Representative Committee



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Dr Joan Tefay



POSITION:

- General Surgery Trainee Representative, Australian Board in General Surgery
- Chair, GSA Trainee Representative Subcommittee
- Member RACSTA

September 2024 – September 2026

WORK:

- GSET3:1 Queensland, Southside training network
- Unaccredited Registrar – Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Townsville University Hospital, Redland Hospital
- Intern/Resident – Princess Alexandra Hospital

ROLE:

As the National Trainee Representative for General Surgery, I represent the General Surgery trainees to the Australian Board of General Surgery as well to the Royal Australian College of Surgeons Trainee's Association (RACSTA).

I encourage trainees to reach out to me with any feedback and suggestions regarding training, especially if you have concerns that need to be raised at national meetings or to RACSTA. If you feel like you need support or raise a sensitive or confidential issue during your training period, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me.

I will work closely with the regional trainee representatives to ensure that the trainees' surgical training experience meets standards and that trainees' wellbeing and interests are protected.

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Dr Hyerim Suh



POSITION:

- NSW-ACT Trainee Representative
- Member Trainee Representative Subcommittee

February 2026 - February 2028

WORK:

- GSET 3:1: Western Sydney Hub
- Intern/RMO: St George Hospital
- SRMO: Concord Hospital
- Unaccredited registrar: Manning Base Hospital

ROLE:

As the NSW/ACT Trainee Representative, I aim to represent the interests and perspectives of trainees within our region and ensure that their voices are heard at committee and board meetings. I am committed to supporting a positive training environment and advocating for trainee wellbeing, high-quality education, and fair training opportunities.

I encourage trainees to reach out with any feedback, concerns, or suggestions regarding surgical training. Your input is important in helping to improve the training experience and address issues affecting our cohort. I look forward to working with trainees and the broader training committee to promote a supportive and collaborative surgical training culture.

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Dr Madison Bowles



POSITION:

- Queensland Trainee Representative
- Member Trainee Representative Subcommittee

February 2025 to February 2027

WORK:

- GSET 4.1 Queensland, Northside Network
- RMO/Intern: Ipswich Hospital, QLD
- Registrar: Gold Coast University Hospital, Bundaberg Hospital, Hervey Bay Hospital, Toowoomba Hospital, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital

ROLE:

As the Queensland Trainee Representative, I am committed to advocating for all Queensland trainees at committee and subcommittee meetings, ensuring that our training is both of high quality and rewarding.

If you have any questions, feedback or require support during your surgical training, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Dr Michalis Koullouros



POSITION:

- SA-NT Trainee Representative
- Member Trainee Representative Subcommittee

February 2026 to February 2028

WORK:

- GSET 3,2 South Australia/Northern Territory
- Intern: The Royal Free Hospital, London, UK
- RMO: The Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA
- Unaccredited Registrar: Lyell McEwin Hospital, Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

ROLE:

As the SA/NT representative I will advocate for all my colleagues in our very large and varied training region. Having had several regional - including NT - and metropolitan placements I am able to relate to my colleagues' experiences and possible issues.

I have been a part of the GSET system which is still evolving and improving year by year. As an outspoken individual I am happy and proud to be in a position where I can speak for my co-trainees in order to improve education, training, individual experience and the GSET programme as a whole.

I am always available for a chat so please feel free to reach out with any issues, ideas, feedback or concerns.

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Dr Edward Clarke



POSITION:

- VIC-TAS Trainee Representative
- Member Trainee Representative Subcommittee

February 2025 to February 2027

WORK:

- GSET4.1 Trainee: South West Regional Hub
- Unaccredited Registrar: Austin Hospital, Northern Hospital
- Resident: Austin Hospital
- Intern: Austin Hospital

ROLE:

I am here to advocate for all trainees in our region and to ensure your concerns and feedback are heard at the highest levels. My role is to escalate your voice to the VIC-TAS Training Committee and the Board so that we can work together to improve your training experience.

While training is often rewarding, I understand that there are moments when challenges arise that affect both your physical health and mental well-being.

My goal is to be a direct line of support for you during these times. Whether you are facing issues with training requirements, administration issues, or work-life balance, I am here to listen, take on your feedback and help find solutions.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at any time - I'm here to help.

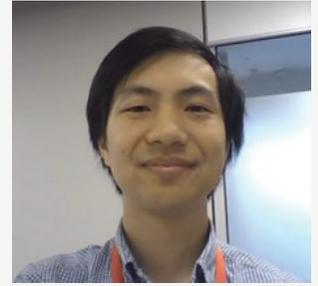
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Dr Victor Yau



POSITION:

- WA Trainee Representative
- Member Trainee Representative Subcommittee

February 2025 to February 2027

WORK:

- GSET4.1 Trainee, Western Australia

ROLE:

As your trainee representative in Western Australia, I will advocate for all WA trainees and will ensure that your concerns are represented at the training board.

I hope that my experience with the GSET program will enable me to provide some help in navigating the training and assessment environment of GSET.

Feedback from the trainee cohort will also help to refine the program to continue to deliver high quality training that prepares us for future practice.

Please feel free to contact me any time if you feel I can help and this will also help me to advocate for you at the committee and subcommittee meetings.

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