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Premier event on general practice calendar – one week to go

In one week the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) will host **GP11** – the Conference for General Practice – the premier event on the general practice calendar.

The conference, running from Thursday 6 – Saturday 8 October at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, Tasmania, is expected to attract up to 1000 delegates, including general practitioners, medical educators, registrars, students, key influencers in Australian general practice, government representatives and other health professionals. The conference will officially be opened by Peter Dutton MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing on Thursday morning.

Professor Claire Jackson, RACGP President, said the conference program had been designed to provide delegates with a truly comprehensive overview of recent and future advances in Australian general practice.

“The health landscape in Australia is rapidly changing, with the provision of primary healthcare services more important than ever. New initiatives such as the rise of e-health bring about positive change, particularly in relation to accessibility, and are changing the face of general practice as we know it today.

“This year’s conference offers health practitioners the ideal opportunity to update their knowledge and skill sets across all areas of primary healthcare including those that are evolving in line with new technologies,” Professor Jackson said.

Sessions at GP11 will be presented at the conference via a range of styles including plenary sessions, workshops, paper and facilitated poster sessions, and have been categorised under the following key themes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Business of medicine
- Clinician leadership development
- Dermatology in practice
- Emergency medicine
- General practice research
- Informatics/e-health
- Innovations in education
- Telemedicine
- Women’s and children’s medicine

The conference boasts a number of local and international keynote speakers, including Professor Richard Roberts, President of the World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca).

“We are extremely fortunate to have Professor Roberts joining us in Hobart to present his plenary: ‘We need better science and new technologies: we need family medicine’. Professor Roberts has extensive experience as a family physician and he is an extremely well respected member of the medical community,” Professor Jackson said.

Professor Jackson will also take the opportunity to appear on the ‘Health reform – if you had the keys, how would you drive it?’ guest panel, delving into all things health reform.

“I look forward to contributing to the discussion, sharing my views on a number of hard-hitting questions including what the evidence is for health reform, where Australia sits in the international arena and what will produce the best outcomes for our communities,” Professor Jackson concluded.

For more information about GP11 and to download the conference **program**, please visit www.gp11.com.au.

You can also follow all the action at @RACGPConference

The RACGP Annual General Meeting, Convocation and the Academic Session, which includes the Fellowship ceremony and awards presentation, will be held on Wednesday 5 October (College Day).

For **media passes** to the conference, please contact the RACGP Communications & Media Unit on the contacts below.

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