

# 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
AAPP	Australian Association of Pathology Practice
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
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 four 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 following organisations:

- RCPA
- AACB
- AIMS
- HGSA
- ASM

## **Subcommittees**

Subcommittees will be convened as required.

Currently there is one subcommittee:

- Workforce

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

## **Secretariat**

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

## **Review**

This Charter is to be reviewed annually and at the last meeting of PAC for the year.