Background

The Faculty of Adult Psychiatry promotes the highest standards in clinical practice, training and research pertaining to Adult psychiatry.

The establishment of the Faculty of Adult Psychiatry’s RANZCP Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Network was approved by the Board on 23 March 2020.

1. PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The purpose of the Network is to promote the study, research and advancement of the science and practice of psychiatry in the field of ADHD throughout the lifecycle.

The responsibilities of the Network are to ensure that:

- Psychiatrists in Australia and New Zealand can gain increased competency to screen for ADHD and can have a basic understanding of the biopsychosocial management options and resources for this disorder. To this end, the Network will seek to work with education subcommittees and training committees of Faculties and Sections within the College to include ADHD competence in their core competencies.

- RANZCP guidelines for disorders commonly co-morbid with ADHD contain evidence-based or consensus-based advice on management of patients with the stated disorder and co-morbid ADHD.

- All RANZCP Faculties and Sections whose focus areas are commonly co-morbid with ADHD have links with psychiatrists who have expertise in the field of ADHD.

- Where appropriate, ADHD presentations feature in Congress/Branch/Faculty/Section educational activities.

- The RANZCP works effectively with relevant external groups in establishing Australian and New Zealand guidelines for ADHD assessment, diagnosis and management.

- The interests of patients with ADHD and their families can be advocated for by the RANZCP at state and federal Government levels. This may include advocacy to public mental health services, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the National Disability Insurance Scheme, educational organisations, the legal profession, and with drug rehabilitation services, including collaboration with ADHD community organisations and support groups.

- To identify, report and manage risks in accordance with College Policy.

2. REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

The Network reports to the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee as its parent body, and shall provide a report to each meeting of the Committee via the Chair, Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee.

The Network will work closely with the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee, in particular the Chair Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee, to ensure its responsibilities are met.

The Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee shall provide a report to the Board via the Chief Executive Officer’s Report about the activities of the Network.
3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NETWORK

Membership of the Network is open to all members of the College. It is not a requirement to be a member of the Faculty of Adult Psychiatry. Network membership is not available to non-College members.

4. NETWORK GOVERNANCE

4.1 Network Committee

The activities of the Network will be led by a committee, established on a bi-national basis. Membership of the Committee may comprise a maximum of 12 members who are general members of the Faculty of Adult Psychiatry:

- Chair (Fellow)
- A Fellow representing each Australian jurisdiction – ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA
- Two Members (Fellow and/or Affiliate) representing NZ
- A trainee representative
- Representative from the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee
- Representative from the Bi-national Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Committee
- Representative from the Bi-national Section of Youth Mental Health Committee

The representatives of the three Bi-national Faculty and Section Committees are appointed to the Network Committee by virtue of their committee position (ex-officio).

All appointments to the Network Committee will be made by the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee and members will be appointed based on the skills, knowledge and expertise required to fulfil the Network’s responsibilities. Appointments will be noted by the Board via the CEO’s Report.

The Network Committee shall include at least one member from Australia and one member from New Zealand and endeavour to achieve an appropriate gender balance.

Oversight of the Network will be provided by the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee. The Network Committee may provide information and recommendations to the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee, but does not operate independently of the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee.

The Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee in consultation with the Network Chair may designate specific duties or positions to members of the Network Committee. For example there may be a Secretary designated to take minutes of the meetings.

4.1.1 Elections, Appointments and Casual Vacancies

Members of the Network Committee shall be appointed from among members of the Faculty of Adult Psychiatry. The term of appointment and nomination / election process will align with those of the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee.

Refer to the Committee Meeting Operation Regulations for information regarding observers.
4.2 Network Committee Operations

Refer to the Committee Meeting Operation Regulations for the Committee's operational information including:

- Agenda
- Associated Documents
- Attendance
- Chair
- Committee Powers and Delegations
- Co-opted Members
- Confidentiality
- Conflict of Interest
- Defects in Appointment or Qualification of a Member
- Financial Responsibility
- Interpretation
- Media and Authorised Statements
- Meetings
- Minutes
- Observers
- Other Committees
- Proxies
- Quorum/Voting
- Review
- Risk Management
- Support
- Work Plan

The Committee Meeting Operation Regulations are managed by the Executive/Senior Manager (or nominee) who is responsible for the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee and its Network/s. Any questions regarding the Regulations and its application should be directed to the relevant Executive/Senior Manager (or nominee).

5. POWERS

The Network shall observe any regulations or directions that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Board.

6. SUPPORT

The Network is responsible for the administration of its own activities and any associated costs with support provided via the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee.

7. REVIEW

The Board in consultation with the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee will review the Network, including the Committee membership and/or composition every two years, or earlier if required.

8. OPERATION OF THE NETWORK

8.1 Communication

The Board and the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee will disseminate relevant information via the Network as required, and in turn the Network will be able to communicate relevant issues to the College via the Bi-national Faculty of Adult Psychiatry Committee.

9. MEDIA AND AUTHORISED STATEMENTS

The College's Media and Communications Policy must be consulted and adhered to.

Media questions received by a Network or a Network Member must be forwarded to media@ranzcp.org for consideration.
10. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Constitution
- Code of Conduct
- Code of Ethics
- Deed of Undertaking in Relation to Confidential Information and Conflict of Interest
- Privacy Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Regulations for Committee Meeting Operations
- College Committee Operations – Guide to Chairing Meetings
- Governance Structure Chart
- Media and Communications Policy.

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