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The Faculty of Clinical Radiology

## Artificial Intelligence Reference Group Terms of Reference

<b>Name</b>	<b>Artificial Intelligence Reference Group</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Standing Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	Working Group <input type="checkbox"/>
	Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Interest Group <input type="checkbox"/>
	Reference Group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conjoint Body <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date</b>	Ratified by Artificial Intelligence Committee on <b>16/1/2020</b>	
<b>Review/cessation date</b>	<b>Review</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 16/1/2023	<b>Cessation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: N/A
<b>Aim</b>	<p>A Reference Group consists of clinical experts in a given area who are available and willing to provide advice and opinions on specific matters.</p> <p>The aim of the AI Reference Group is to support the work of the Artificial Intelligence Committee, particularly in the response to external consultations relating to artificial intelligence.</p>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The work of the Artificial Intelligence Reference Group will be guided by these principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best interests of patients will be acted upon.</li> <li>• High quality healthcare is provided.</li> <li>• The integrity of the profession of Clinical Radiology, RANZCR and the Faculty of Clinical Radiology is upheld. <i>Refer to the RANZCR Code of Ethics (see 'Responsibilities of Reference Group/Review Panel members')</i>.</li> </ul> <p>The objectives below will be followed irrespective of any constraints, either real or perceived, imposed by external factors (e.g. government health funding arrangements, corporatisation of radiology practices, demographics):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide expert advice where directed by the Artificial Intelligence Committee</li> <li>• To provide a forum for provision of advice to RANZCR and College members on issues relating to artificial intelligence</li> <li>• To assist with external enquiries where directed by the Artificial Intelligence Committee</li> <li>• Other responsibilities as required</li> </ul>	
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Activities are subject to scope limitations as outlined below. <b>Any activities outside the scope must be referred to the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council and/or the Board of Directors for discussion and endorsement.</b></p> <p>The <i>[Insert name of Reference Group/Review Panel]</i> has the scope to:</p> <p>1. Approve expenditure</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> up to [\$XXX]</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

	<p>Exceptions: <b>activity funded under existing projects, or external grants.</b></p> <p>2. Generate additional projects, subject to Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council/Board approval.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Approve of work that would significantly expand/alter objectives or scope of the Reference Group/Review Panel.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4. Approve work that would require additional support from College staff (outside of the agreed work plan/existing projects).</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>5. Develop policies and guidelines, subject to Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council approval.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>6. Establish subcommittees or working groups, subject to Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council approval.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>7. Liaise and report to external bodies only through or by delegation from the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Radiology, or the RANZCR President.</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Reporting arrangements</b>	<p>Authority is delegated by the <i>Artificial Intelligence Committee</i> to fulfil the objectives as outlined in these Terms of Reference or as specifically requested by the Dean (on behalf of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council) or, in exceptional circumstances, the President (on behalf of the College and Board).</p> <p>The reference group/review panel will provide advice or opinion as requested to the supervising body, or to another requesting body in the case of requests for advice or opinion from other than the supervising body.</p>
<b>Liaison and links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primarily to the <i>Artificial Intelligence Committee</i></li> <li>• Secondary liaison and links to the Faculty of Clinical Radiology and Faculty of Radiation Oncology Councils via the Artificial Intelligence Committee, RANZCR Board of Directors and RANZCR Branches</li> <li>• Health Informatics Society of Australia</li> </ul>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Membership of the reference group/review panel will be determined by the clinical expertise required to provide advice or opinion on the specific matters related to its objectives and may include any member of RANZCR.</p> <p>Unless the Artificial Intelligence Committee determines otherwise, the membership shall include a minimum of three members. There is no upper limit on membership, unless stated otherwise below.</p>
<b>Terms of membership</b>	<p><b>Member term</b></p> <p>The term of office for each member shall be three years. Reference group/review panel members may be re-elected to serve for a maximum of three consecutive terms. Thereafter they shall not be eligible to serve as a member of the Artificial Intelligence Reference Group until two years have</p>

	<p>elapsed since the expiration of their term of office. In exceptional circumstances, Faculty Council may co-opt a member with specific skills and experience, should the need arise.</p> <p><b>Chair</b> A Chair will be appointed from within the Reference Group membership, for a one-year term, with a maximum of seven terms.</p> <p><i>To note:</i> The Dean, FCR cannot be the Chair, and no Fellow can be the Chair of more than one FCR Body.</p>
<b>Meetings</b>	<p><b>Meeting frequency</b> The Reference Group/Review Panel will generally meet on an ad hoc basis when required to respond to requests for advice or opinion and unless otherwise indicated in its terms of reference will only meet by teleconference or provide input by email. See Cost of Operation for further information.</p> <p><b>Quorum</b> Generally, a response to a request for advice or opinion requires input from more than half of the members (e.g. five if the Reference Group/Review Panel has eight or nine members and six if the Reference Group/Review Panel has ten or eleven members).</p> <p>If there are fewer than five members, the minimum quorum shall be no less than three.</p> <p>In the absence of a quorum, advice must represent the views of at least three members of the Reference Group/Review Panel before it can be referred back to the requesting body for its consideration.</p> <p>A Reference Group/Review Panel may have other specific requirements for decision-making, for example when setting exam questions.</p> <p><b>Secretariat support</b> The Reference Group/Review Panel will have administrative, research and analytical support provided by the College through the Policy and Advocacy Unit. In consultation with the Chair, the secretariat will prepare and distribute meeting papers, take and distribute minutes of meetings, and prepare and receive correspondence.</p> <p><b>Resolutions</b> Must be passed with majority support. If voting is tied, then the Chair has the casting vote or the authority to raise the issue with the <i>Artificial Intelligence Committee</i> for consideration and final decision.</p>
<b>Election/ Nomination/ Recruitment of members process</b>	<p><b>Expression of Interest (Eoi)</b> Expressions of Interest will be called from the RANZCR membership. For non-radiology positions, and Eoi will be called for from the relevant Peak Body.</p> <p><b>Eoi Process</b> Nominees are to submit their curriculum vitae and an application (no more than 300 words) on the official form outlining their interest and fit for the position.</p> <p>All eligible Fellows will be informed of the process, including the date that expressions of interest close.</p>

	<p>Nominations will be considered by the <i>Artificial Intelligence Committee</i> and a recommendation for appointment to be passed to the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council. The Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council retains the discretion to review appointments if required.</p> <p><b>Casual vacancies</b> To be filled at the discretion of the <i>Artificial Intelligence Committee</i>. Where a Fellow is appointed to fill a casual vacancy and the period of the term remaining is less than one year that appointment shall not be regarded as a term of office for the purpose of calculating member terms.</p> <p><b>Election Process for the Chair</b> A Chair is appointed from within the Reference Group/Review Panel membership. Refer to <i>Appendix 1</i> for further details on the election process.</p>
<p><b>Responsibilities of Reference Group/Review Panel members</b></p>	<p><b>Conduct</b> All Reference Group/Review Panel members are required to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attend Reference Group/Review Panel meetings and actively participate in discussions at these meetings.</li> <li>2. Read and consider agenda papers and minutes of meetings.</li> <li>3. Act with care and diligence and in the best interests of the <i>Artificial Intelligence Reference Group</i> and RANZCR.</li> <li>4. Keep abreast of key issues, including bi-national &amp; international developments that may affect the work and areas of responsibility of the Reference Group/Review Panel.</li> <li>5. Dedicate time outside of Reference Group/Review Panel meetings to undertake activities on behalf of the Reference Group/Review Panel, such as drafting of documents, responding to emails, research, provision of advice and otherwise as required.</li> <li>6. Support the development of policies by the Faculty of Clinical Radiology.</li> </ol> <p><b>Conflict of Interest</b> Members will be required to complete a statement of conflicts of interest and to declare any further potential conflicts of interest that may arise. These are to be recorded in the minutes/reports of the relevant meeting.</p> <p><b>Disputes</b> Disputes that cannot be satisfactorily resolved within the Reference Group/Review Panel will be referred to the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology via the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p><b>Meeting attendance</b> All members are to RSVP their attendance and (if necessary) send their apologies as early as possible prior to any teleconference meeting of the Reference Group/Review Panel. If unable to attend Reference Group/Review Panel meetings, members are encouraged to provide the College secretariat with their comments on the meeting papers prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Confidentiality</b> Reference Group/Review Panel members must keep matters relevant to individual members of the College or specific cases of patient care confidential. Reference Group/Review Panel members are required to maintain confidentiality on matters of importance to the College and on matters that can affect the interests of the College, and the profession of clinical radiology. Further information about the levels of confidentiality can be found in <i>Appendix 2</i>.</p>

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Agenda papers and minutes should be annotated with the appropriate level of confidentiality to assist members in application of confidentiality rules and in communication across bodies. If in doubt consult the Chair of the Body.

**Code of Ethics**

The Code defines the values and principles that underpin the best practice of clinical radiology and radiation oncology and makes explicit the standards of ethical conduct the College expects of its members. These apply to members of Reference Group/Review Panels in their work for the Reference Group/Review Panel and members must abide by the Code of Ethics.

To download the RANZCR Code of Ethics please [click here](http://www.ranzcr.edu.au/documents-download/document-library-9/3958-ethics) (or copy and paste <http://www.ranzcr.edu.au/documents-download/document-library-9/3958-ethics> into your web browser).

**Cost of Operation**

Activities will be conducted by email and teleconference as far as possible. This Reference Group/Review Panel shall have no face-to-face meetings per year. Any face-to-face meetings in addition to this will require approval from the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council, who may elect to consult with the RANZCR Board of Directors.

Any requests for expenditure/reimbursement must comply with College guidelines.

**Responsibilities of the Chair**

The Chair will provide oversight of the Reference Group/Review Panel and will be responsible for ensuring that the Reference Group/Review Panel fulfils its functions and acts on assigned tasks in a timely manner. The Chair will approve the agenda for each meeting and chair meetings. The Chair will be responsible for reviewing the draft minutes so that they can be sent to the Reference Group/Review Panel for review and verification in a timely manner.

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Faculty of Clinical Radiology (FCR) Body Chairs are appointed by the following process:

- 1.** Log vacancy and inform Dean/FCR Council.
- 2.** Send Expression of Interest to Body members (unless specified otherwise in the FCR By-laws). Applications not meeting requirements are returned to the candidate as invalid.
- 3.** Body members vote by secret ballot. Confirmation of due process by relevant senior manager at the College.
- 4.** Result communicated to Body members.
- 5.** Decision of the Body taken to FCR Council to ratify (out of session if urgent, as determined by Dean). Information on applicants' names, key dates and votes supplied. Further information can be requested if needed.
- 6.** Chair and Body notified of FCR ratification.
- 7.** Membership advised and register updated.

If there is only one nomination for a post and the person nominated meets all of the necessary criteria they will be considered for ratification by FCR Council without a vote.



## Confidentiality Levels for Consideration

There are three major levels of confidentiality for matters considered by a Faculty of Clinical Radiology Body.

### **Level One**

The highest level relates to matters that must not be discussed outside the meeting room now or at any time in the future: for example a member has been subject to investigation by a regulator or charged with a criminal offence; or a matter that is disclosed by government or is commercial in confidence, for the purpose of working together such as notification of new licences for equipment.

### **Level Two**

The intermediate level of confidentiality relates to matters that are in the early stages of discussion and need further development and consideration before being released for confidential consultation with the membership, for example the development of a position paper regarding a clinical or economic matter or restructuring of the College such as the Governance Review. These can be discussed amongst those who have received the documents but not with the wider membership at this point.

As a membership organisation it is important, welcomed and encouraged that matters relevant to the profession are able to be discussed amongst the membership and the results of these discussions fed back to the College in order to optimise the College's stand on these matters. It is a matter of releasing this information at a time when it is sufficiently well-considered that a useful discussion can be had and rumour and supposition minimised.

### **Level Three**

The lowest level covers all other matters and is covered by the Chatham House Rule: "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed." The principles of these matters, but not the individuals involved, can be discussed more widely in the interests of developing ideas and enhancing collaboration.