



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians



The Royal Australasian College of Physicians 2011 Congress ***Take up the Challenge: Indigenous Health & Chronic Disease***

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) annual Congress addresses one of the most challenging and important health topics facing Australia and New Zealand; Indigenous health and chronic disease.

The multi-disciplined and robust program reflects the many different parts of the College.

This year's venue, Darwin, is an appropriate backdrop for the Congress' theme *Take up the Challenge: Indigenous Health & Chronic Disease*. The RACP Congress brings together Australian, New Zealand and international medical experts, social affairs commentators, Indigenous advocates and media representatives, providing the ideal platform to discuss various Indigenous initiatives and present on critical health-related fields.

Key topics for discussion include Indigenous dementia, diabetes and pregnancy in the Indigenous population, and new models of care for Aboriginal children.

The 2011 RACP Congress has attracted a high calibre of keynote speakers including:

- Sir Mason Durie, Massey University, New Zealand
- Dr Tom Calma, Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group
- Associate Professor Noel Hayman, 2011 Queensland Australian of the Year

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians trains, educates and advocates on behalf of more than 13,500 physicians – often referred to as medical specialists – and 5,000 trainees, across Australia and New Zealand.

The College represents more than 25 medical specialties including paediatrics & child health, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, oncology and public health medicine, occupational & environmental medicine, palliative medicine, sexual health medicine, rehabilitation medicine and addiction medicine. Beyond the drive for medical excellence, the RACP is committed to developing health and social policies which bring vital improvements to the wellbeing of patients.

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