



RANZCOG Joint Statements Policy and Procedure

Purpose and scope

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) is committed to excellence in teaching, research and the dissemination of knowledge amongst the community. As an educational institution, RANZCOG aims to provide guidance to its members and the community on topics within the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G) and women's health. The purpose of this policy is to outline RANZCOG's position in relation to joint statements with collaborating organisations, and provide guidance on the development and review of such statements.

1. Definitions

Joint statements	Joint statements are developed by a committee convened with representatives from RANZCOG and an external party(s), producing a document with the names of both organisations in the title and both logos on the joint statement.
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2. Policy

It is the policy of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) not to develop joint statements with external parties where the topic/content is within the speciality of obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G). For clarification purposes, a topic will be deemed to be within the speciality of O&G where the topic is covered within the *FRANZCOG Curriculum*. The College may collaborate with external organisations to develop and issue joint statements where the content is outside of the O&G speciality.

3. Procedure

3.1 Development of new joint statements

Where the topic/content of a specific statement is within the speciality of O&G, RANZCOG will not issue a joint statement(s) with a third party(s). For clarification purposes, a topic will be deemed to be within the speciality of O&G where the topic is covered within the *FRANZCOG Curriculum*. RANZCOG nominees can be involved in the development of statements developed by the other organisations to ensure that the needs of obstetricians are considered.

Where the topic/content of a specific statement is outside the speciality of O&G, RANZCOG may give consideration to the development of a joint statement(s) with a collaborating organisation(s).

3.2 Current joint statements

The ongoing maintenance and review of the current joint statement between RANZCOG and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) will continue, as the content of this statement is outside the speciality of O&G. This enables the ongoing recognition of the joint ownership of intellectual property between the two collaborating organisations.

Existing RANZCOG joint statements that fall within the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology (ACCEPT, AGES and HGSA) will cease to be joint statements at the timing of the next review period for each relevant statement. The expert committee or nominee, nominated by the RANZCOG Women’s Health Committee, will review these statements.

3.3 Other recognition of external party statements and guidelines

RANZCOG will continue to endorse documents produced by other bodies, which it deems are useful and appropriate, following a formal written request and consideration in accordance with the [RANZCOG Endorsement Policy and Procedure](#). Additionally, RANZCOG can identify statements and guidelines developed by other organisations as “useful clinical guidance”, with reference and links to such documents provided on the RANZCOG website.

College statements can cross-reference to the statements of other organisations and, similarly, other organisations can elect to cross-reference to/endorse RANZCOG statements.

4. Related RANZCOG documents

1. **RANZCOG and Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society (AGES)**
 - i. *Tissue extraction at minimally invasive procedures* (C-Gyn 33)
 - ii. *Guidelines for performing advanced operative laparoscopy* (C-Trg 2)
 - iii. *Guidelines for training in advanced laparoscopic surgery* (C-Trg 1)
2. **RANZCOG and the Human Genetic Society of Australia (HGSA)**
 - i. *Prenatal screening for genetic and chromosomal conditions in the fetus in pregnancy* (C-Obs 59)
 - ii. *Prenatal assessment of fetal structural conditions* (C-Obs 60)
3. **RANZCOG and the Australasian CREI Consensus Expert Panel on Trial evidence (ACCEPT)**
 - i. *Fibroids in infertility* (C-Gyn 27)
4. **RANZCOG and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists**
 - i. *Joint RANZCOG/ANZCA Statement on the Provision of Obstetric Anaesthesia and Analgesia* (WPI 14)

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