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# PROVINCIAL FELLOWS' CHAT ROOM

**GUIDELINES**

# Welcome to the PF Chat Room!

## PURPOSE

The PF Chat Room online forum provides the opportunity to engage with colleagues in a supportive environment, share information and participate in case discussions. This forum is not moderated.

## ELIGIBILITY

The PF Chat Room is available via RANZCOG's CLIMATE elearning site to all RANZCOG Provincial Fellows and Provincial Integrated Training Program Trainees, defined as working in Australian Standard Geographical Classification - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) 2-5. Please see the Australian Government, Department of Health Doctor Connect website for classifications: [www.doctorconnect.gov.au/locator](http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/locator).

## HOW TO JOIN/UNSUBSCRIBE

All Provincial Fellows and Provincial Integrated Training Program Trainees will be granted automatic access to the PF Chat Room.

To stop receiving email postings from PF Chat Room: Open PF Chat Room via RANZCOG's CLIMATE elearning site, once in the PF Chat Room click on the 'Administration' tab on the left hand side of the screen, and select 'Subscription mode' and then select 'Subscription disabled'. You will then no longer receive email posts from PF Chat Room.

To completely unsubscribe from PF Chat Room: Open PF Chat Room via RANZCOG's CLIMATE elearning site, once in the PF Chat Room click on the 'Administration' tab on the left hand side of the screen, and select 'Unsubscribe from this forum'. You will then no longer have access to PF Chat Room altogether. You may contact RANZCOG if you wish to re-join at a later date.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

### Patient Photos

You must have written consent from the patient saying they agree for you to post the image and discuss it online with other Provincial Fellows. Ensure that you retain the written consent in your practice medical file. Remember to immediately delete any images from your mobile phone, and/or other device.

### Case Studies

Case studies must be de-identified.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The RANZCOG Code of Ethical Practice is intended to aid Fellows, Members, Trainees and Diplomates in maintaining a high level of ethical practice. They are standards by which a member may gauge the appropriateness of his/her practice in relationships with patients, colleagues, other professionals and members of the public. [www.ranzcog.edu.au/about/Governance/Code-of-Ethical-Practice](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/about/Governance/Code-of-Ethical-Practice)

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Taking screen shots, or discussing and naming particular people's comments outside this forum without their permission is not permitted, and is grounds for consideration of removal from this online forum. **Written consent** is essential.

The PF Chat Room is intended for discussion regarding cases and for communication between Provincial Fellows; treatment decisions are the responsibility of the treating specialist.

The PF Chat Room is not a forum for legal or financial advice.

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## ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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To report perceived misconduct please contact the Coordinator, Provincial Fellows at [ranzcog@ranzcog.edu.au](mailto:ranzcog@ranzcog.edu.au). T: +61 3 9417 1699

## PF CHAT ROOM TEAM

RANZCOG Provincial Fellows Councillors  
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Coordinator, Provincial Fellows, RANZCOG

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