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## RACGP celebrates record number of Australian GP members

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is pleased to announce that it has now recorded 16,742\* Australian GP members; the highest number in the 52 year history of the college.

In addition, the college's National Rural Faculty now has a total of 6,943 members, of which 5,779 are Australian GPs.

"This is a significant milestone for the college and I am really proud that so many Australian GPs choose to join our college," said RACGP President Dr Chris Mitchell.

Dr Mitchell said that the last 12 months presented a range of challenges to general practice, which reinforced the central role of a united general practice in our health system.

"We are a strong and proud profession and we know the value of our work. If you want the health system to work better, start with general practice. Get it right and the rest will fall into place. The international evidence clearly shows both the benefits of general practice and the inefficiencies, costs and risks of further fragmentation in the delivery of care.

"Across Australia our members volunteer their time and commit their knowledge and expertise to supporting the RACGP's many national standing committees, our faculties, the delivery of our Fellowship exams, our mentoring programs and much more. Our members' contribution to the college and their community is greatly valued and appreciated," he said.

RACGP members can access a range of free clinical and educational services to support their daily clinical practice and professional development. The 2009-2010 RACGP membership packages also enable members to receive significant discounts on a range of publications and educational workshops.

Visit [www.racgp.org.au/membership](http://www.racgp.org.au/membership) for more information on membership packages or call the membership team on 1800 331 626.

*\*Please note that this figure includes registrars, residents and interns but not international medical graduates (IMGs).*

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### About the RACGP

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