



 RACGP Advocacy

Advocacy Plan

2026–30

In the face of such rapid change there has never been a more important time for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) to advocate clearly, strongly and consistently on behalf of our members and their patients.

The *RACGP Advocacy Plan 2026–30* sets out how the College will advocate over the next five years on behalf of our members. It reflects the priorities members have told us are most important to them through our annual Health of the Nation and member surveys, our member-elected faculty councils, our many College expert and advisory committees, as well as direct member submissions. The Advocacy Plan provides focus, clarity and accountability while allowing flexibility to respond to emerging issues.

Our top priorities

→ The top priorities below articulate five areas of focus for the College in the coming years.



Increase investment in general practice to value the critical role of specialist GPs in the health system

We're calling for sustained investment that reflects the true value of specialist GP care – including fair Medicare rebates, better support for longer consultations, and funding models that meet the real cost of care.

Why it matters:

Adequate funding protects patient access, supports continuity of care and keeps general practices viable.



Ensure changing models of care are evidence-based, value and prioritise safety and quality, and do not fragment care

RACGP advocates for evidence-based, GP-led models that prioritise quality, safety and continuity – and for stronger regulation where new models risk fragmenting care.

Why it matters:

Patients experience better outcomes when care is coordinated through their regular GP.



Grow and sustain our specialist GP workforce and better support IMGs

We are pushing for expanded GP training, strengthened supervision, better support for international medical graduates (IMGs), and targeted investment in rural and high-need areas.

Why it matters:

Without action, workforce shortages will continue to limit access to care, particularly outside major metropolitan areas.



Realise a healthcare system that is culturally safe and inclusive

RACGP is committed to eliminating racism in healthcare and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, self-determination and community-controlled care.

Why it matters:

Cultural safety is clinical safety and it is also crucial for increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP workforce.



Unlock the full potential of general practice by reducing red tape, embracing innovative technologies and enhancing research

We advocate for simpler regulation, better digital infrastructure, safe use of new technologies and stronger support for general practice-led research.

Why it matters:

Reducing unnecessary burden frees up GP time for patient care and system improvement.

Want to help advance RACGP advocacy?

The RACGP's **GP Advocate Network** empowers GPs to deliver coordinated, place-based advocacy by engaging with local MPs and senators in their own communities. By sharing lived experience, GP advocates give a powerful voice to general practice and help policymakers understand the real impact of government decisions. Members receive CPD-approved training and ongoing support to advocate confidently and effectively.

Get involved today

Submit an expression of interest via the RACGP website or email gpadvocate@racgp.org.au to learn more.

Discover the **Advocacy Plan 2026–30**.