

It really is time for change.

My name is Harry Nespolon and I am asking you to vote for me to become the next President of the RACGP.

Since the last RACGP Presidential election we have watched with astonishment

The signing of the unnecessary deal with government whose aim is to silence GPs for a paltry 55c per consultation,

I said it at the time, it was deal that was never needed to be done.

We have stood by, as general practice is thrown under the bus when it comes to pathology rents,

And then the development of what have been euphemistically called alternative 'models of care', designed to move cost and risk of illness to general practice...

While this was happening, our College was focused on the debacle of changing the Board. As you might recall the membership rejected the proposed changes.

I stood up then to keep the College controlled by general practitioners. Despite the apparent necessity of change nothing has happened since.

Also during this time, The College introduced the highly unpopular PLAN CPD program.

In the near future, whatever the benefits of MyHealth Record might be, the costs will be borne by general practitioners.

Despite the rhetoric, none of these changes have delivered benefits for general practitioners or our patients.

One of the greatest near term risks is the transfer of the GP Training program back to the college –

I am uniquely placed to deal with the transition having led the largest and most successful general practice training provider.

As President – I would lead the RACGP

- by ensuring, that programs such as these, both from outside and inside the College, show direct benefit to GPs.
- Continue to garner support from our patients.
- Work to change the way the we are remunerated so that the system supports quality general practice and is fair to our patients.
- Change the way that RACGP is governed so that it is responsive and relevant to issues that affect our professional lives.

I do have the skills, experience, and success to deliver –

Importantly, I am a working GP, practice owner, and supervisor.

We cannot continue to hope that 'things' will change, we need to be in control of our own destiny.

So I ask you to Vote 1 from June 22 for Harry Nespolon.

Thank you

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