

Statement of Intent

Dr Jan-Marie Fonseca

Candidate for RACGP WA Faculty Council

My name is Dr Jan-Marie Fonseca, and I am a GP based at Currambine Family Practice in Western Australia. I am nominating for the RACGP WA Faculty Council because I care deeply about the future of general practice and want to ensure the voices of everyday GPs are heard clearly, respectfully and meaningfully.

Like many of my colleagues, I have become increasingly concerned about the direction of general practice in Australia. The challenges we face are not abstract policy issues; they are experienced every day in our consulting rooms, by our practice teams and by the patients and communities who rely on us. Access to care, sustainable funding, workforce pressures and continuity of care all have a direct impact on our ability to provide the high-quality care.

I have recently had the opportunity to gain a closer insight into the advocacy undertaken by the RACGP WA Faculty. This experience has been both encouraging and inspiring. It has reinforced for me that advocacy matters, and that meaningful change is more likely when GPs come together with a shared purpose, practical insight and a strong understanding of the realities of clinical practice.

If elected, I would bring the perspective of a practising WA GP who understands both the privilege and the pressures of our profession. I would contribute to advocacy that is practical, constructive and grounded in the experience of GPs. I am particularly passionate about strengthening recognition of the value of general practice, supporting sustainable workforce and funding solutions.

I am standing because I believe WA GPs deserve strong, grounded representation from people who understand the realities of general practice. I would be honoured to bring my energy, perspective and commitment to the WA Faculty Council. I would work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure that the concerns, ideas and experience of GPs continue to shape the future of our profession.

General practice is worth advocating for, supporting and strengthening. I would be honoured to contribute to that work on behalf of my colleagues, our patients and the communities we serve.