

CANDIDATE STATEMENT-KAVIPRIYA SOMA

I am putting my hand up for a position on the RACGP Council because I genuinely care about the future of general practice and the people who work in it.

Having worked as a GP for many years in both rural and metropolitan Australia, I understand the challenges we face every day. I completed my RACGP Fellowship in 2008 and have worked across a range of settings, including rural Tasmania and Western Australia. As a GP Obstetrician and Practice Principal, I have a particular interest in women's health, maternity care, menopause and providing culturally sensitive care.

Throughout my career, I have also looked for opportunities to contribute beyond my own consulting room. I have been involved in advisory committees, clinical governance, maternity workforce initiatives and advocacy. These experiences have reinforced for me how important it is that decisions affecting general practice are informed by the voices and experiences of practising GPs.

I am particularly passionate about supporting a sustainable GP workforce, improving access to care and ensuring that women's health and maternity care remain strong areas within general practice.

I would value the opportunity to contribute to the RACGP Council and to represent my colleagues with honesty, commitment and a genuine willingness to listen.