1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
To outline the delivery of RACS Skills Training courses conducted in countries outside Australia and New Zealand.
Skills Training outreach courses align to the principles outlined in the Development Principles in RACS Global Health Activities policy, EXA-RGH-017.

2. KEYWORDS
Outreach, EMST, ATLS, CCrISP®, CoT, ASSET, Fiji, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Myanmar, Samoa, Global Health

3. BODY OF POLICY
3.1. Background
Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP®) and Early Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) programs collaborate with external organisations via the Global Health Department to conduct courses in the South Pacific region, upon request.
The Australian and New Zealand Surgical Skills Education Training (ASSET) course is delivered in a modular capacity, upon request.
Other RACS skills courses may be conducted outside of Australia and New Zealand, upon request.

3.2. Course content
Course content may be adapted to ensure relevance to the local setting, but the course principles and objectives must remain unchanged.

3.3. Course faculty
3.3.1. Each course is delivered with the support of local, regional and Australian / New Zealand faculty.
3.3.2. When identifying suitable Au/NZ faculty to teach on outreach courses, consideration is given to the following criteria:
a. Current faculty status for both EMST and CCrISP programs, as courses are held in succession
   ● Director status in either program is desirable
b. Required medical specialty to ensure appropriate specialty mix
c. Demonstrated experience teaching in Low Middle Income Countries
d. Adaptable and able to work as a team member
3.3.3. To develop local faculty, suitable potential instructors (PIs) may be offered a place on the EMST Instructor Course.

3.4. Reporting
The relevant course committee and Prevocational and Skills Education Committee are provided with a copy of the course report stating the outcomes of the activity.

3.5. Funding
3.5.1. Contingent upon request by national Ministries of Health or post-graduate medical educational institutions for the delivery of courses, supportive
funding can be made available through RACS Global Health (subject to approval).

3.5.2. Funding and appropriate resourcing must be provided for ad hoc courses. (Refer 3.7 re ad hoc courses).

3.6. Governance and administration

3.6.1. The relevant skills course committee governs the delivery of outreach courses in countries other than Australia and New Zealand.

3.6.2. The Committee on Trauma (CoT) Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) sub-committee of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) governs the implementation of self-sustaining courses in new regions including EMST. Refer Memorandum of Understanding between RACS and ACS.

3.6.3. Royal College of Surgeons England (RCS) CCrISP® governs the implementation of self-sustaining courses in new regions (Refer Memorandum of Understanding between RACS and RCS)

3.6.4. These courses are managed collaboratively between the Global Health Department, Skills Training Department and the local provider.

3.7. Requests for outreach courses

3.7.1. Ad hoc requests to conduct courses outside of Australia or New Zealand are considered on a case-by-case basis by the relevant course committee.

3.7.2. Requests to run self-sustaining courses should be referred to the appropriate governance body:
   a. ATLS – CoT, American College of Surgeons
   b. CCrISP® – Royal College of Surgeons of England or
   c. ASSET, CLEAR, TIPS – Prevocational and Skills Education Committee

3.7.3. The EMST and CCrISP® committees may provide assistance to promulgate courses in new regions in conjunction with the above governing bodies subject to resource availability.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Policies
Development Principles in RACS Global Health Activities policy, EXA-RGH-017

Other
Memorandum of Understanding between RACS and RCS
Memorandum of Understanding between RACS and ACS

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