



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF COSMETIC SURGERY ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE**

TODAY, Australia's peak body for cosmetic medicine and surgery, the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (ACCS) announces its new name - the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery and Medicine (ACCSM).

The name change is effective from today, 1 July 2021 and was voted for unanimously by members at its recent Annual General Meeting.

ACCSM President, Dr Patrick Tansley, said the updated name is the most significant change since the College's inception almost 30 years ago.

"Cosmetic surgery and medicine are a relatively new and expanding area of specialised practice with growing popularity. The update to the name of our College is reflective both of this emerging medical field and growing consumer demand," Dr Tansley said.

"Whilst the College's training programs will remain unchanged, the new name better reflects both the medical and surgical faculties of the College and represents the totality of cosmetic medical practice," Dr Tansley said.

"The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery and Medicine will continue to provide the most comprehensive education and training of medical doctors in Australia leading to a Fellowship, specifically in cosmetic medicine and surgery. It is the only single professional organisation in Australia to do so. The College will also continue to recertify practitioners specifically in cosmetic medical practice.

"Our primary goal will always be to ensure the safe provision of cosmetic procedures to patients through the supply of appropriately trained and certified healthcare practitioners. As such, we will continue to be the leading voice in cosmetic medical practice."

ACCSM continues to advocate for the safe provision of cosmetic surgery and medicine, reflecting the reality that cosmetic medicine and surgery fall outside the specialist training programs accredited by the Australian Medical Council and provided by traditional medical and surgical colleges in public hospitals.

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## About the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery & Medicine

Established as the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery in 1999, the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery & Medicine (ACCSM) is a not-for-profit, multi-disciplinary fellowship-based body of cosmetic surgeons, cosmetic physicians, plastic surgeons, general surgeons, maxillofacial surgeons, ear nose and throat surgeons, ophthalmologists and other doctors and health care practitioners who practice in cosmetic medicine and surgery. The primary goal of the ACCSM is to ensure the safe provision of cosmetic medical and cosmetic surgical procedures to the Australian community through the supply of appropriately trained and certified health care practitioners. The ACCSM is the only medical college which provides education and training leading to fellowship specifically in cosmetic medicine and surgery. Fellows of the College are medical doctors who have completed post-graduate education and training and demonstrated competency specifically in cosmetic medicine and surgery. To become an ACCSM Surgical Fellow, doctors must typically complete a minimum of 12 years of dedicated surgical education and training. To become an ACCSM Medical Fellow, doctors must typically complete a minimum of 7 years dedicated medical education and training. For additional information about the ACCSM, please visit: <http://www.accsm.org.au/>