



# The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

## Raising Standards, Protecting Patients

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### MEDIA RELEASE

## Australian Government partnership with private health sector in the fight against COVID-19

The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (ACCS, College) welcomes and supports the decision of the Australian Government last evening, to partner with the private hospital sector in order to expand the available resources to manage the COVID-19 crisis in Australia. We are informed this will ensure that not only the 30000 hospital beds and 105000-strong skilled workforce of the private hospital sector will be available alongside those of the public hospital sector, but also the ongoing viability of up to 657 private and not-for-profit hospitals for future activity, once the pandemic recedes.

The ACCS lauds this landmark decision of the Australian Government which importantly, also 'recognises the fundamental and heroic role of our medical and nursing staff' and will preserve the hospital network for the nation's future health needs.

By bringing together the resources of our combined medical expertise, Australians will be best prepared to deal with this crisis. Fellows of the College are expected to follow all Government directives, including those relating to the provision of non-essential medical services. The College stands ready to provide whatever support may be required at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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### **About the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery**

Established in 1999, the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (ACCS) is a not-for-profit, multi-disciplinary fellowship-based body of Cosmetic Surgeons, cosmetic physicians, plastic surgeons, general surgeons, maxillofacial surgeons, dermatologists, 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 ACCS is to ensure the safe provision of cosmetic medicine and cosmetic surgical procedures to the Australian community through the supply of appropriately trained and certified health care practitioners.

The ACCS 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 ACCS Surgical Fellow, doctors must typically complete a minimum of 12 years of medical and surgical education and training. For additional information about the ACCS, please visit: <http://www.accs.org.au/>