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# Dermatology Australasia and Australasian College of Dermatologists

**Course outline:**

Practical Therapies Theory (Advanced)

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# 1. Course information

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## 1.1 Course aims

This course aims to provide General Practitioners with the theoretical knowledge behind more advanced dermatological surgery and procedures and how to manage surgical risk and complications in more critical situations.

The course is delivered in a self-paced online learning mode you will be required to complete the weekly cases, a case study and a final online exam.

You **MUST NOT** attempt to carry out any of the procedures covered in this course without the supervision of an accredited dermatological surgeon or suitably accredited medical practitioner. Completing this course does **NOT** authorise you to provide services associated with the procedures covered in this course.

## 1.2 Learning objectives (LOs)

At the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

LO1: Recall how to perform advanced dermatological surgery and procedures (including full thickness skin grafts, split thickness skin grafts, principles of flap repairs, and regional closures).

LO2: Determine the appropriate circumstances in which to perform advanced dermatological surgery and procedures.

LO3: Assess the risks and complications relating to advanced dermatological surgery and procedures.

LO4: Compare ways in which surgical risk may be managed.

### 1.3 Learning and teaching activities

The course is organised into five components.

- **Pre-learning activities:** are completed prior to starting the course and include a self-rating of students current skills and knowledge about basic dermatological surgery and procedures.
- **Self-paced online modules:** There are six self-paced online modules. At the end of each module participants will need to complete the Topic Scenarios which consist of case studies with T/F or multiple choice questions.
  - Full thickness skin grafts
  - Split thickness skin grafts
  - Principles of flap repairs
  - Regional closures
  - Surgical complications and treatments
  - Wedges
- **Case Discussion Forum:** This is a forum where students list differential diagnosis, treatment and management options on various case studies. Lecturers and other students can provide feedback for discussion. This is an interactive course component.
- **Webinar:** This course includes 1 evening webinar per Trimester. Each trimester a different set of cases will be presented, and the webinars will be recorded. Please note that it is compulsory to attend 1 live webinar (in the trimester that you are enrolled in) and watch at least 1 of the recordings from other trimesters.
- **Case Study Submission:** In approximately 500 – 600 words students need to submit a case from their practice that is relevant to practical therapies. They need to present:
  - Clinical finding of the case
  - Any investigations
  - Description of the management
  - Photos of the clinical case (if possible)
  - Summary of the case – therefore a reflection of the main learning points; how the patient was managed, rationale as to why this particular patient was managed in this way or in retrospect what could you have done differently and any other significant learning points. Please include a reference to a literature review.
- **Final Assessment:** The final assessment for the subject is an online 2-hour examination.

Clinical scenarios are the main teaching and assessment tool across all learning modes of the course. They illustrate the essential content in the online modules. They are used to assess the application of knowledge and skills in the end-of-topic tests and final examination.

## 2. Course structure and content

### CPD Hours

	Total Hours	Educational Activities	Performance Review	Outcome Measurement
RACGP CPD Hours	30	20	8	2
ACRRM PDP Hours	30	20	8	2

This course is delivered over a 16 - week period and is self-paced.

The course consists of a total of approximately 25 hours (max) of student effort. This is broken down into the following:

- 2 hour orientation/getting started
- 15 hours online learning
- 2 hours live webinars
- 4 hours Case Discussion Forum
- 2 hour Case Study
- 2 hours Final Online Exam
- 3 hours additional reading

The six topics within this course include:

1. Full thickness Skin Grafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Clinical Overview</li> <li>• Learning Resources</li> </ul>
2. Split Thickness Skin Grafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Clinical Overview</li> <li>• Learning Resources</li> </ul>
3. Principles of Flap Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Principles: Advancement Flaps</li> <li>• Principles: Rotation Flaps</li> <li>• Principles: Transposition Flaps</li> </ul>
4. Advanced Regional Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Which Closure Where?</li> <li>• Cheek Repairs</li> <li>• Ear Repairs</li> <li>• Forehead and Temple Repairs</li> <li>• Nose Repairs</li> <li>• Perioral Repairs</li> <li>• Scalp and Neck Repairs</li> <li>• Trunk and Limb Repairs</li> </ul>
5. Surgical Complications and Treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Clinical Overview</li> </ul>
6. Wedges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Clinical Overview</li> </ul>

## 3. Assessment

### 3.1 Assessment tasks

Topic	Assessment Task	Time	Weighting
1. Full Thickness Skin Grafts	30 minutes (not timed) 20 T/F or MCQ 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
2. Split Thickness Skin Grafts	15 minutes (not timed) 10 T/F 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
3. Principles of Flap Repairs	50 minutes (not timed) 40 T/F 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
4. Advanced Regional Closures	45 minutes (not timed) 70 T/F 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
5. Surgical Complications and Treatments	20 minutes (not timed) 10 T/F or MCQ 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
6. Wedges	15 minutes (not timed) 7 MCQ 2 attempts	At end of topic	75% pass mark 1.6% weighting
Case Discussion Forum	Reply to at least 6 cases	Throughout enrolment	10% weighting
Webinars	2 live webinars per Trimester	See Important Dates section	10% weighting
Case Study Submission	500 words on relevant BPL case	No later than 2 weeks before Trimester end	75% pass mark 30% weighting
Final Online Exam	67 T/F or MCQ 75 minutes to complete – timed 2 attempts to pass	After all topics completed	75% pass mark 40% weighting

### 3.2 Academic integrity, referencing and plagiarism

Be sure to provide a list of references whenever you draw on someone else's words, ideas or research to inform your own work. Not referencing other people's work can constitute plagiarism.

Please read the '[ACD Academic Misconduct policy.](#)' This policy is available on the ACD Website.

## 4. Readings and resources

Reading and Resources for examinable material will be provided within the course content. Some extended readings and resources need to be independently sourced.

## 5. Administrative matters

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For further information or questions about the course, please contact [enquiries@dermatologyaustralasia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@dermatologyaustralasia.com.au).

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