

## 1. Education Development.

In recent years, the Paediatrics & Child Health Division of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has modernised its education program and assessment tools and this continues to be rolled out throughout Australia and New Zealand. Information relating to the Physician Readiness for Expert Practice (PREP) Training Program can be found at [www.racp.edu.au/page/educational-and-professional-development/prep-basic-training](http://www.racp.edu.au/page/educational-and-professional-development/prep-basic-training) <<http://www.racp.edu.au/page/educational-and-professional-development/prep-basic-training>> and [www.racp.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=650BA0EA-E4D0-3321-D7EDDDC9FDC9BA60](http://www.racp.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=650BA0EA-E4D0-3321-D7EDDDC9FDC9BA60) <<http://www.racp.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=650BA0EA-E4D0-3321-D7EDDDC9FDC9BA60>>

## 2. Health policy and advocacy.

The Division is actively involved in advocacy and policy development relating to child and youth health.

The Division's policies can be viewed at [www.racp.edu.au/page/policy-and-advocacy/paediatrics-and-child-health](http://www.racp.edu.au/page/policy-and-advocacy/paediatrics-and-child-health) <<http://www.racp.edu.au/page/policy-and-advocacy/paediatrics-and-child-health>> . The most recent documents developed by the Division relate to:

- Recommendations for Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents in Australia and New Zealand
- Circumcision of Infant Males
- Confidential Health Care for Adolescents and Young People (14-24)

As you may be aware, in Australia a Federal election was held and in the lead up to this, the Division partnered with a number of peak bodies involved in child and youth health to develop a joint paper for Government outlining priority areas. Another important development is the development of National Standards for the Care of Children and Adolescents in Health Services. Both of these documents are available on the Division's policy page.

## 3. 27th International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress of Pediatrics.

The Division is to host this congress from 24-29 August 2013 in Melbourne. An organising committee and scientific program committee have been established to oversee the planning for this event. We will keep APPA informed of developments in this area. The Division looks forward to welcoming members of APPA to Melbourne in 2013.