



Membership Information Sheet

The National Coalition of Public Pathology (NCOPP) is the organisation that represents the interests and values of public pathology services in Australia.

About Us

NCOPP was formed in 2001 to give a single voice for articulating and representing issues of relevance to public pathology services throughout Australia. Our members are the major publicly owned and operated pathology services in each State and Territory.

NCOPP is incorporated in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984* and is governed by a National Council drawn from members in each State and Territory and Office Bearers. An Executive Committee is responsible for conducting the day to day business supported by a small Canberra based office.

Our Executive Committee

The Executive Committee for 2012 comprises Scott Jansson, President; Dominic Mallon, Vice-President; Ruth Salom, Secretary; Simon Holmes, Treasurer; and Roger Wilson as Immediate Past President. Our Public Officer is Simon Holmes.

Our Focus

NCOPP's mission is to advance public pathology with the public; the medical profession and their professional organisations; and governments – States, Territories and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Our goal is to improve safety and quality for patients, consumers and the community in all healthcare settings by:

- Working with other pathology professional and industry groups to ensure Australia has an **adequate and well trained pathology workforce**;
- Ensuring a **fair and equitable financing** framework for public pathology;
- Encouraging **fair competition between pathology providers** based on quality of service and cost to patients;
- Promoting **safe and quality pathology** laboratory services and practices;
- Supporting **quality use of pathology** by requesters and consumers; and
- Advocating the **role and value of public pathology** as an essential clinical knowledge service.

Our Members

Our members provide comprehensive diagnostic and consultative services in the vast majority of Australia's public acute care hospitals, in a number of private hospitals and operate specimen collection services for community based doctors

and their patients and other health services across urban, rural and remote parts of Australia. Their pathology services support other clinicians by providing information to inform appropriate, timely diagnosis and management of a patient.

Members provide routine and complex testing, health protection services, teaching at undergraduate and post graduate levels, training of pathologists and medical scientists and research, and take leading roles in many aspects of the clinical governance of Australia's public hospitals and health services.

Member Benefits

Membership of NCOPP offers:

- Access to a network of colleagues working in public pathology across Australia;
- Opportunities to contribute to and help shape health policy development;
- Regular updates on latest news and developments;
- Forums, workshops and discussion groups on current and emerging issues and ways forward;
- Support and representation for member services; and
- Opportunities to represent NCOPP and public pathology in various government, professional and community arenas.

Becoming a Member

Membership of NCOPP is open to publicly owned and operated pathology services of a Commonwealth, State or Territory government or government authority. There is no category for personal membership. Member organisations pay an annual fee in advance with the NCOPP financial year covering the period 1 July to 30 June.

For More Information

Contact our Chief Executive Officer, Penny Rogers, about becoming part of the authoritative voice for Australian public pathology.

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