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The Faculty of Radiation Oncology

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Dear Dr Nardone

RE: Withdrawal of Accreditation of Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) for Radiation Oncology Training

We write to inform you of the outcome of the Accreditation status for Radiation Oncology training at **Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital)**. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee (ROETC), at its meeting on 17 March 2023, reviewed and discussed the site assessment report, and all correspondence provided at the time by the Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) in relation to the ongoing Accreditation of the training site.

The issues of concern held by the ROETC have been well documented in the Site Assessment Report, and there are strong grounds to believe that the site is not compliant with the requirements of the Report as advised in recent correspondence. While some progress has been made to address recommendations regarding supervision and training, serious outstanding issues remain relating to the culture of the department as identified in the summary provided of the commissioned external cultural review. Ensuring trainees have a safe, and supportive environment in which to work and learn is the highest priority for RANZCR.

Following careful consideration, the ROETC determined, unanimously, that the Accreditation of Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) had not met the *Accreditation Standards and Criteria for Training Networks and Sites*, and that Accreditation be withdrawn effective immediately.

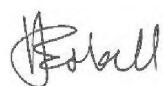
Subsequent to the ROETC meeting held on 17 March 2023, the College on 27 March 2023, received the sites' 6 Month Progress Report and a redacted version of the Workforce Cultural Review. These documents were reviewed by the Chief Accreditation Officer and Chief Censor, for the Faculty of Radiation Oncology, who have determined that these submissions only strengthen the ROETC's recommendation to withdraw Accreditation from Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital).

Accordingly, the ROETC requires that the Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) show cause, by providing a written submission, as to why the Accreditation of the Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) should not be withdrawn. Alternatively, you may opt to voluntarily withdraw Central Coast Cancer Centre (Gosford Hospital) status as an Accredited Training Site.

The ROETC invites your response to **show cause within 21 days from the date of this letter**, after which the ROETC will consider the matters raised above without further notice.

Should you require any further information to the matters raised, kindly direct any request to accreditation@ranzcr.edu.au. We have also written to the accredited trainees at Central Coast Cancer Centre to inform them of this decision and the potential for removal of accreditation. We acknowledge this may be distressing for these trainees and we will do everything we can to offer support and minimise disruption to their ongoing training within their Network.

Yours Sincerely,



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