

# Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania

## Policy and Guidelines – Podiatric Surgery

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All undergraduate training programs in Australian Universities provide instruction in the use and administration of local anaesthesia to perform minor surgical procedures. The Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania recognises the ability of all podiatrists who have received recognised undergraduate training, to administer local anaesthesia and perform minor surgical procedures to toenails and skin lesions.

The Board also requires podiatrists to restrict themselves to performing those surgical procedures that are components of undergraduate training program within Australian universities unless they possess the relevant prescribed additional qualifications recognised by the Board.

The Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (ACPS) is recognised as the peak professional body for podiatric surgery in Australia. The ACPS confers the qualification Fellow of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons to podiatrists who have successfully completed a recognised training program approved by the ACPS panel of examiners, which involves reconstructive and/or plastic surgical procedures.

Practitioners must possess Fellowship of the Australian College of Podiatric Surgeons (FACPS), or equivalent, before undertaking reconstructive and/or plastic surgical procedures (eg osteectomy, neurectomy, tenotomy)

Registrars (trainees) of the Australian College of Podiatric Surgeons may undertake such procedures as part of fellowship training but only under the direct supervision of a fellow of the College who is responsible at all times for the patient.

Podiatrists with overseas qualifications who believe they should be recognised by the Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania to perform reconstructive and or plastic surgical procedures (eg osteectomy, neurectomy, tenotomy) must submit themselves for review by the ACSP and be eligible to qualify for Fellow of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons

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Chairperson