

Vijay Pather – Operational Committee – Academic Planning

Why would you like the role?

On the back of NDASS' amazingly successful inaugural year, I believe NDASS is pivotal to ensuring Notre Dame medical students receive the extracurricular surgical education they deserve! Additionally, NDASS is a great way to get involved with and engage the student body, as well as bridging relationships between students, staff, and the WA surgical community. Furthermore, this year with NDASS has been a great experience. I have got to know students throughout all year levels, and made some great friends along the way!



What are your ideas for the role?

I believe that sound academic planning is essential for the continued success and growth of NDASS. By working with, and liaising between the school, students, and surgical staff, I believe a skeleton curriculum can be implemented for NDASS academic events. This will ensure that students are being adequately prepared for surgical rotations and careers. I believe this can be achieved through:

- Developing a staged curriculum of essential surgical skills, advanced surgical skills, and clinical skills, which build on from knowledge acquired in years 1 to 4.
- Creating events and tutorials that are in line with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) requirements as per the JDOCS framework, ideally with input and collaboration from RACS.
- Working with industry leaders to deliver meaningful and essential NDASS events, based on where they believe NDASS can complement formal surgical education.
- Developing and maintaining NDASS' reputation in WA through high quality academic events, ensuring that NDASS event certification carries significance in the industry, and adequately prepares students for the real world.

What can you bring to NDASS as a committee member?

Other than bringing my previous experience, passion, and enthusiasm to the role, I am a collaborative team player. I am well equipped to represent NDASS members when liaising with the medical school, external organizations, and hospital staff. Having worked with multiple non-profit organizations in the past, I understand the inner workings of student run organizations, their potential to benefit their members, as well as their limitations. I am also very approachable, and willing to take onboard feedback, as well as to respond to it in an effective manor.

Relevant/ past experience?

- **Notre Dame Association of Surgical Specialties (NDASS)**
 - 2nd Year Level Representative (2016)
- **Avant Student Advisory Council (ASAC)**
 - Committee Member (2016)
- **Medical Student Association of Notre Dame (MSAND)**
 - Online Communications Representative (2016)
 - Subcommittee Member - AMSA, Social (2015)
- **Bendigo Association of Pharmacy Students (BAPS)**
 - Year Level Representative (2014)
 - Executive (2012-2013)
- **National Australian Pharmacy Students Association (NAPSA)**
 - Congress Chair - Sponsorship & Industry Relations (2012/2013)