



ISMSICS

International Society of Manual
Small Incision Cataract Surgeons

ISMSICS IS COMING!

**The International Society for Manual Small Incision
Cataract Surgery will launch in Australia and
New Zealand in October 2022!**

**Morning Tea, Saturday 29 October 2022
RANZCO Congress, Brisbane**

Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS) is the most commonly carried out cataract surgery in the world. Through constant evolution, MSICS refractive results are coming very close to those achieved with phacoemulsification. In the last two decades, the attention that MSICS has achieved is considerable.

While many ophthalmologists in Australia and New Zealand are familiar with the technique, many more would like to learn more.

The International Society for Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (ISMSICS) has had a significant role to play in the development and adoption of MSICS by running conferences, and training and mentoring surgeons in-person and virtually. ISMSICS's primary aim is to popularise the procedure across the planet – it is a global society. With chapters in 14 countries, ISMSICS will launch in Australia and New Zealand at the RANZCO Annual Scientific Congress in October 2022.

This exciting development paves the way for Fellows, trainees, as well as colleagues from the surrounding South and Western Pacific countries to engage with this expert group.

The launch of the ISMSICS and access to the available expertise is a big step forward. Do not miss this great opportunity to enhance your cataract surgical skills.

It is important for all of us to be familiar with MSICS so that it can be used when the situation requires it. Phacoemulsification is not always an available or appropriate course of action for cataract surgery – factors like advanced pathology, geographic location, the availability of facilities and comorbidities add layers of complexity. Adding MSICS to your surgery toolkit can ensure there is a good outcome for the patient, regardless of the type of patient and their cataract.

I welcome you to attend the launch of ISMSICS, happening during the RANZCO Congress morning tea (Saturday 29 October 2022, Brisbane). Please email ranzco@ranzco.edu to secure your spot.

There will also be a short introduction to MSICS at the Ocular Trauma in low resource settings, occurring at Congress on Friday 28 October 2022. [Register for the workshop when you register for Congress.](#)

Look out for the ISMSICS journal, focusing on refinements in small incision cataract surgery. It is coming soon!

Kind regards,



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