



GP UPDATE

Message from the Director Medical Services



Welcome to the first edition of our bi-monthly GP Update for 2017. I trust you had a wonderful festive season.

We finished off 2016 by celebrating the contribution of our specialists to the hospital and our patients, with our annual Christmas Soiree. We introduced two new awards to recognise our doctors, and were pleased to present them to Dr Pierre Smith and, recently retired, Dr Donald Clark.

We congratulate Professor Leon Flicker, Rehabilitation Physician, who was awarded the Office of the Order for Australia in recognition of his service to medicine and medical education for people with dementia. We also commend Plastic Surgeon Anh Nguyen who was recently recognised at the 2016 MyFaceMyBody awards.

This year we are keen to continue building our relationships with General Practitioners and Specialists, as such we have recently appointed a Business Development Manager, Sally Harris, who we encourage you to contact with any queries.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Dr Stuart Prosser
Director Medical Services



Patient Mr Bowman and Prof Leon Flicker

Meet Dr Peter Ricciardo, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon



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How long have you been working as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon?

I completed specialist training in Perth at the end of 2013. I then spent 18 months doing postgraduate fellowship training at the Royal Children's Hospital, the Royal Melbourne Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital, before migrating to Glasgow where I spent 12 months at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

What attracted you to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?

A sentinel moment during a lecture as a second-year dental student in 1999. The presentation was on correction of dentofacial deformity with orthognathic surgery, with slides showing the functional (and aesthetic) benefits for patients. I left the lecture inspired, and after qualifying in dentistry, I turned my hand to medicine to complete the first two prerequisites for eligibility for training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

What is the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?

The craft is broad and includes domains such as dentoalveolar surgery (bone grafting, implants, wisdom teeth), facial trauma (hard and soft tissue), deformity correction (orthognathic surgery, augmentation), cleft lip and palate, craniofacial surgery, temporomandibular joint surgery (arthroscopy, arthroplasty, total joint replacement), and head and neck surgery (benign and malignant disease).

What are your areas of special interest?

I am particularly interested in paediatric oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthognathic and trauma surgery, temporomandibular joint surgery and head and neck surgery. I am passionate about training the next generation of surgeons.

Professor Flicker awarded the Office of the Order for Australia

Leading expert in geriatric medicine, Professor Leon Flicker was awarded the Office of the Order for Australia in recognition of his service to medicine and medical education for people with dementia.

The award recognises Professor Flicker's contributions to geriatric medicine, both clinical and academic.

Professor Flicker said receiving the award was a proud, but unexpected moment.

"I love what I do, and have been so lucky to practice medicine for older people and to witness the changes that have happened over the years," he said.

"It is great when you can see how much more effective we have become at treating

and diagnosing older people.

"The use of rehabilitation and the way we use a whole team of people to treat our patients benefits their recovery. It is more about care centred around the patient."

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital Acting Chief Executive Officer Ben Edwards congratulated Professor Flicker and said the award is a reflection of Professor Flicker's dedication to his profession.

"We are lucky to have him as part of our older adult restorative team at St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital, and we value all that he brings to patients and our caregivers."

Professor Flicker has practiced geriatric medicine for more than 30 years.



Dr Mohammad Jehangir, Dr Donald Clark and Ms Chris Hanna

Doctors awarded

The hospital named two obstetrician-gynaecologists as the inaugural recipients of two medical awards at our annual Medical Practitioner Christmas Soiree in December.

Dr Pierre Smith was awarded the Doctor of the Year Award and Dr Donald Clark the Ellis Pixley Award.

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital Director Medical Services, Dr Stuart Prosser said the awards recognise the exceptional contribution the two doctors have made to the hospital, their patients and the community.

"We launched the awards to provide a platform to publicly acknowledge the dedication and commitment by doctors to make sure patients receive high quality care," said Dr Prosser.

Dr Pierre Smith was nominated for his dedication to his patients and for always being polite, helpful and approachable," said Dr Prosser.

"Dr Clark, who recently retired, has worked at the hospital for 23 of his 33 years as an obstetrician.

"Having delivered more than 6,600 babies, Dr Clark truly reflects this award, which was named in honour of obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Ellis Pixley, the hospital's first medical director.

"Dr Clark has been a much loved and respected part of our hospital and he has played an instrumental role in helping shape our maternity services. He will be greatly missed at the hospital."

Welcome Dr Neha Chawla, Neonatologist/Paediatrician

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr Neha Chawla, Neonatologist and Paediatrician, who recently joined the hospital.

Her key focus is the management of children from birth to 16 years of age with acute and chronic medical conditions. She also has a special interest in unsettled babies, failure to thrive, feeding/nutrition issues, asthma, eczema and constipation.

Dr Chawla has worked in Paediatrics for the past 16 years following her studies in India in 2003. She then worked at James Cook University Hospital, United Kingdom and KK Women and Children's Hospital, Singapore where she gained vast experience in Neonatology and General Paediatrics.

Dr Chawla has been working at Princess Margaret Hospital for the past seven years and last year completed her FRACP through the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

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Expanding breast cancer care service

As part of St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital's expanding breast cancer surgery service, Breast Surgeon, Dr Vineeta Singh has recently joined the hospital.

She has a special interest in breast cancer surgery and oncoplastic, breast reconstruction, reduction and augmentation mammoplasty and performs laparoscopic and open general surgery.

Dr Singh says treatment is now more individualised, rather than the one size fits all approach of the past.

"There is a lot happening in the space of breast cancer surgery and treatment. The good news is a much higher disease free survival rate.

"How we treat our patients is changing, with very specialised and targeted treatment that is planned closely around the person's individual circumstances.

"This has a positive impact on long term outcomes for our patient's health."

When discussing factors that influence better long term survival rates for breast cancer, Dr Singh greatly emphasises the importance of early detection and referral to breast specialists.

"As with all cancers, this is a determining factor in the ongoing health and wellbeing of all patients that we see, given we have some of the best treatment options in the world.

"Having a GP who encourages regular check-ups and has strong partnerships with their patients in their health care, can make a big difference to treatment and health outcomes," said Dr Singh.

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New Gastroenterologist joins the hospital



Gastroenterologist, Dr Anja Landowski, has joined St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital. She specialises in general gastroenterology, inflammatory bowel disease and capsule endoscopy. Dr Landowski offers open access gastroscopy and colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy and colorectal cancer surveillance.

Her philosophy is to collaborate closely with GPs to offer patients accessible and personalised medical care to live a more healthy and active lifestyle.

Dr Landowski offers a gap free inpatient service with all major health funds and is happy to bulk bill outpatient consultations upon GP request.

Dr Landowski consults in English, German, Spanish and Italian.

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MyFaceMyBody 2016 award winner

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital Plastic Surgeon Anh Nguyen was recently recognised at the MyFaceMyBody 2016 awards in Sydney.

Her practice, The Dr Anh Plastic Surgery Medispa and Wellness, took out two awards for the 'Best Overall Aesthetic Practice Australasia' and 'Best Aesthetic Practice in Western Australia, Northern Territory and South Australia'.

The aesthetic industry awards recognise exceptional experiences and outstanding consumer service.

Dr Nguyen, who undertakes plastic surgery procedures at St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital, said she felt honoured to have received the awards.

"This recognition is a great validation of the care, service and commitment we provide our clients and patients," said Dr Nguyen.



Dr Nguyen and her team at the MyFaceMyBody 2016 awards

Meet our new Business Development Manager, Sally Harris

We are delighted to welcome Sally Harris to the new position of Business Development Manager. Sally has a wealth of experience in the public and private health care sectors, particularly working in business development, GP education, admissions and health information.

Her role is to assist specialists to establish and expand their practice at the hospital, be an easily accessible and practical support for our specialists and realise opportunities where we can partner with doctors to provide innovative, accessible and more affordable services to our patients.

What will be your relationship with GPs?

Having worked with and spoken to many GPs, I believe I have a really strong understanding of what GPs need from hospitals and specialists. My guidance to new specialists and the hospital will be in advocating for the needs of our GPs, as your referrals and recommendations are integral to our success. We are partners in the care of your patients.

I want to make it as easy as possible for you to know about, access and utilise our increasing range of specialists and services.

What can GPs contact you about?

I will always be happy to talk to you about our specialists, services or our calendar of GP educational events. If you need a starting

point about an issue or query you may have, I am more than happy to assist or direct you to the most appropriate person / area, or chase something up and get back to you.

What is your vision for this position?

I am keen to encourage our specialists, new or established to be innovative or open to change in how they operate their business, especially where it has benefits for patients and GPs.

I am also committed to working with our GP education and marketing teams to ensure GP educational events provide practical skills and teaching that benefit the day to day practice of GPs.

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Upcoming RACGP CPD education sessions

Each event earns 4 category 2 points.

Date	Topic	Location
28 February 6.00pm	Updates in Orthopaedics: Knees & Shoulders	St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals
21 March 6.30pm	Annual Updates in GP Cardiology	St John of God Subiaco Hospital
4 April 6.30pm	Neurosurgery	St John of God Subiaco Hospital

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Elise Holder, Doctor Marketing Coordinator.

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Our newly accredited specialists

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital has recently accredited the following specialists:

Dr Shane La Bianca, Urology

Dr Sally Murray, Genitourinary Medicine

Dr Stuart Salfinger, Gynaecology

Dr Jason Tan, Gynaecology

New charity of the year named

Homeless Healthcare has been named as the 2017 St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital Charity of the Year.

Homeless Healthcare is a not-for-profit charity set up in 2008 to advance and promote the health of homeless and marginalised people.

Clinical nurse, Colleen Fossey, recently volunteered with the organisation.

"Making sure we contribute to those who are marginalised is an important part of our commitment to social justice and our mission and values," said Colleen

"It was heartening to work alongside the Homeless Healthcare team, who work closely with homeless people to engage them back into the health care system, while also helping them break the cycle of homelessness.

All fundraising at the hospital this year will be donated to Homeless Healthcare.

To read more about their work, please see; homeleshealthcare.org.au



Calcutta Rescue

The hospital was pleased to support Calcutta Rescue by donating bandages and stethoscopes.

Calcutta Rescue is a non-government organisation operating in Kolkata and West Bungal, India, providing free medical care, education and development to the poor and disadvantaged people.

Dr Linda Arias, surgical assistant at the hospital, works closely with Calcutta Rescue and was instrumental in organising these donations received by the Chitpur and Nimtala clinics. These clinics primarily treat patients with leprosy, with the bandages going to good use.

Deputy Chief Executive of Calcutta Rescue, Dr Alakanada Ghosh said, "The bandages have been very useful for our patients and the doctors were very happy to get new stethoscopes."

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New maternity blog helps parents

The hospital recently launched a maternity blog for parents to be and new parents offering evidence-based information, written by our midwives, and reviewed by obstetricians and other medical and clinical professionals.

The blog includes handy references for patients, and links to further researched information on topics such as mastitis, gestational diabetes, cholestasis, preeclampsia, foetal movements and more.

This initiative provides great value to expectant or new parents, empowering them with correct information so they can make informed decisions about their baby's care.

Read the blog here; www.sjog.org.au/mtlawleymaternityblog

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