

Future Doctors Australia

List of Medical Specialists & Clinical Staff Guest Speakers and Presenters

The following list showcases the medical specialists and clinical medical staff who have participated or are scheduled to participate in the Future Doctors Australia Program as guest speakers or presenters. It's important to note that the duration of each program features a panel of five senior industry representatives, which may include the professionals listed below as well as other individuals of a similar caliber who may not be currently listed.



Dr Carl Lam is an Australian-based health professional. Dr. Lam is trained as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician and practices in Adeliade.

His special areas of interests are in High Risk and General Obstetric Care, Minimally Invasive Laparoscopic Gynaecological Surgery, Colposcopy, Pelvic Floor Reconstruction and Urogynaecology.



Assoc. Professor Dr Habib Bhurawala is a Clinical Associate Professor and an experienced General Paediatrician with expertise in various leadership, medical education and clinical roles. He holds the position of Head of Department and Senior Staff Specialist in Paediatrics at the Nepean Hospital.

Dr. Bhurawala is also a senior clinical lecturer at the University of Sydney and also a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney.



Professor Dr Thomas J. Hugh is a General and Upper GI Surgeon who specialises in surgery of the liver and gallbladder.

As well as his role as a surgeon he also holds the position of the Professor of Surgery and the Chair of Surgery at the Northern Clinical school of the University of Sydney. He is also the director of the Royal North Shore Hospital's Surgery, Education, Research & Training, SERT Institute.



Dr Madeleine Adams is a comprehensive ophthalmologist and covers all aspects of general ophthalmology. Dr Adams works as an ophthalmologist for the Westside Private Hospital, and holds a position as Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland. She is involved in teaching the next generation of eye doctors, as well as mentoring junior doctors and medical students.

Dr Adams was awarded a PhD by the University of Melbourne for her research into Age Related Macular Degeneration.



Dr Subhra Bhattacharyya is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist who works with Hunter New England Local Health District. She is a visiting psychiatrist at Maitland Private and Toronto Private Hospitals. Her areas of interest are General Adult Psychiatry, Post traumatic stress disorders and Personality Disorders.

Dr. Bhattacharyya is also a Conjoint Lecturer at the School of Medicine and Public Health at The University of Newcastle.



Dr Clayton Lam is a currently working as a hospital resident doctor on the Gold Coast QLD. He was awarded his postgraduate degree in medicine by Griffith University and now works as an associate lecturer at the school of medicine of Griffith University.

In additional to his clinical roles he is also one of the industry consultants for the National Institute of Education and over the years has helped to many prospective medical students gain a better understanding of the journey into medicine and to develop their time-management, communication and some specific academic skills and knowledge.



Professor Eugenia Pedagogos - is an experienced clinician, researcher and leader with over 30 years' experience fostering collaborative relationships in the medical, education and health care sectors.

She is a practicing Nephrologist at Western Health and previously served as a Clinician Researcher at the Royal Melbourne Hospital as well as Medical Director and Director of Medical Innovation and Clinical trials at Epworth HealthCare. Professor Pedagogos is also involved in teaching medical students at the University of Melbourne.



Dr. Lyndon Chan - is a specialist Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) surgeon based in Sydney, Australia. Originally from Brisbane, Dr Chan's pursuit of excellence has taken him throughout Australia and internationally.

Over the course of his training, Dr. Chan has accomplished a triple fellowship certification status from the Duke University Hospital, USA; The Singapore General Hospital, Singapore; and from the Wollongong Hospital, Australia. Dr. Chan is also a board member for the international surgical sleep society and surgical committee member for the Australasian Sleep Society.



Dr Oybek Rustamov is a Member of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of The United Kingdom (2007) and has completed sub-specialty training in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2015).

Oybek holds a Postgraduate Research Degree (MD) from The University of Manchester (2015) and has extensive scientific expertise in the evaluation of ovarian reserve and ovarian simulation in IVF cycles.



Dr. Alpa Gupta is a Cardiology Advanced Trainee at Nepean Hospital. She graduated from Bond University in 2018 with a Doctor of Medicine (MD).

She completed her internship, residency and basic physician training at Nepean Hospital, where she is now completing her advanced training. Dr. Gupta also has a keen interest in research and international publications.



Dr Shahab Pathan is an Australian trained Cardiologist who is currently undertaking a Fellowship at Nepean Hospital in advanced multi modal cardiac imaging including advanced echocardiography, Cardiac CT and MRI. He completed his Basic Physician and Advanced Cardiology Training at Concord Hospital, Sydney.

He is interested in all aspects of Cardiology including preventative health and heart failure. He strongly believes in the importance of delivering patient focused care through open and honest communication and understanding the specific needs for individual patients.



Dr. Sid Agarwal is a senior staff specialist in Intensive Care currently based in Brisbane. He has an extensive experience in this field, having worked in Northern territory and Queensland for last 17 years. Dr Agarwal also has vast experience in working with rural, remote and indigenous communities in NT and QLD.

His areas of interest are training and education, ultrasound and echocardiography and has supervised and trained many intensive care specialists across Australia. He is an educator in both paediatric and adult resuscitation courses and has presented in various seminars, workshops and courses.



Dr Richard Laherty is a neurosurgeon and spine surgeon operating at St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside. He offers care for patients across the range of neurosurgery including oncology and trauma. His subspecialisation is spine surgery, the work-up and surgical management of adults with spine problems including degenerated discs and herniations, spinal canal and foraminal stenoses, spinal deformity, spine tumours, infections and trauma.

Dr Laherty is a Senior Lecturer with the University of Queensland's School of Medicine and is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Academy of Surgical Educators, serving as faculty on programs including the Early Management of Severe Trauma, the Care of the Critically III Surgical Patient and the Operating With Respect courses and on the college-approved Definitive Surgical Trauma Care course.



Dr. Phillip Karpati is a current JHO (Junior House Officer) working in Brisbane and very soon stepping up to a registrar role. He is also in the process of commencing his Basic Physician Training in 2024.

He graduated from The University of Sydney, where he also commenced his PhD studies in the area of protein synthesis and their application in developing therapeutics.