

Future Doctors Australia

List of Medical Specialists & Clinical Staff Guest Speakers and Presenters

The following list showcases the medical specialists, medical staff and medical student mentors who have participated or are scheduled to participate in the Future Doctors Australia Program as guest speakers and presenters. Please 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 calibre not yet on this list.

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Dr Rehana Lulania is a highly dedicated, professional, and experienced Specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist who always has her patients' interest at heart. She has a special interest in Laparoscopic surgery, high-risk pregnancies, fertility, PCOS, recurrent miscarriages. Dr Lulania completed her MBBS and MD in India and then went on to complete her Fellowship in Australia at St George Hospital Sydney and at The Sutherland Hospital. She is a Fellow of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrician and Gynaecology.



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.



Professor 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 current Anaesthesia Registrar working at Flinders Medical Centre in South Australia. Having graduated from the Doctor of Medicine degree program at Griffith University, Gold Coast QLD, he also completed a Masters of Critical Care Medicine from the University of Sydney. In leading up to his medical degree he also completed a Bachelor of Medical Science Undergraduate degree at Griffith University and a Graduate Certificate in Public Health.



Professor Dr 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 Gynaecologists 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 stimulation 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).

Dr. Gupta 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 a specialist 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 Ill 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.



Dr Nazer Fahaz is a General Paediatrics and Clinical Genetics Advanced Trainee, who currently works at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Prior to embarking on the journey towards a career in Paediatric Medicine, he worked in Emergency Medicine in both regional and metro hospitals. He has a keen interest in teaching and in addition to clinical tutoring, he also does community outreach through CPR training initiatives.



Dr Carl Lam is a South Australian-based health professional. Dr. Lam is trained as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician and practices in Adelaide. His special areas of interests are in High Risk and General Obstetric Care, Minimally Invasive Laparoscopic Gynaecological Surgery, Colposcopy, Pelvic Floor Reconstruction and Urogynaecology.



Dr Amanda Hugman is a specialist clinical and laboratory haematologist practicing in benign and malignant haematology. Dr Hugman is currently a Staff Specialist Haematologist at St George Hospital in Kogarah as well as working at a Manly private practise. She manages patients with benign and malignant conditions including the provision of inpatient and outpatient chemotherapy and Autologous Bone Marrow Transplantation.

She has a dual appointment with NSW Pathology and as such she provides supervision in the Haematology Laboratory of tests important in the diagnosis of haematological diseases. Dr Hugman also facilitates lectures to St George Clinical School students and takes part in the undergraduate and post graduate Basic Physician training programs.



Dr Rachael Hickinbotham is a highly experienced obstetrician with a particular focus on creating an individualised experience for families. She has a special interest in women's physical and mental health.

Dr Rachael Hickinbotham is an obstetrician and gynaecologist with over 30 years professional healthcare experience. She is passionate about helping families through this exciting experience and places a huge emphasis on creating a personalised experience.

Rachael has a special interest in delivering a holistic approach that focuses on the physical, mental and emotional. She began her career as an intensive care nurse before graduating from Adelaide University where she was awarded the Ian Furley Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Today, Rachael is a private obstetrician, accredited to deliver babies for mothers at the Mater Hospital and North Shore Private hospitals.



Dr Andrew Hugman is a Digital Health Medical Advisor for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, an emergency physician and NSW Ambulance State Retrieval Consultant based in Sydney. He is also the Managing Director and Digital Officer at Manly Haematology. With over 13 years of experience in digital health, Dr Hugman specialises in online governance in healthcare, including medical records, digital diagnostic imaging and online clinical tools.

Dr Hugman is passionate about digital health delivering high-quality patient care, increased efficiency and widespread improvements.



Dr Siri Sitra is currently works as an Advanced Trainee in Rehabilitation Medicine at Hornsby Hospital. She has been working in the field of medicine for more than 20 years.

Dr. Sitra initially completed her surgical training in Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) in 2010 and has worked in various surgical fields such as Neurosurgery, Oral-Maxilla facial surgery, and plastic surgery. Since coming to Australia, I explored working in Emergency Medicine before making the final decision to enter the rewarding field of rehabilitation medicine. Her special interest is in the field of cancer rehabilitation and rehabilitation of developmental disabilities.



Dr Ceena Kebriti is a Resident Medical Officer at St Vincent's Hospital. He graduated from the University of Sydney in 2022 with a Doctor of Medicine (MD). He completed large components of his student placements at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (Sydney). He is also the President of the Resident Medical Officer Association at St Vincent's Hospital. Ceena's areas of interest include Critical Care and Internal Medicine."



Dr Fahad Langroo is a General Practitioner working in Melbourne. He obtained his qualification as a Doctor of Medicine from Griffith University and has worked across various specialties, including paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology and emergency medicine.

Dr. Langroo has a special interest in obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and sports medicine.



Dr Michelle Robinson is an intensive care (ICU) Postgraduate Fellow, working at John Hunter Hospital in NSW. She has extensive experience in both peripheral and tertiary level hospitals and was a retrieval registrar based in Launceston, Tasmania.

She has a keen interest in teaching being appointed a clinical lecturer by the University of Tasmania and also has several years of experience in clinical governance through the private sector. She has an undergraduate degree in Biomedical Science in Forensic Biology and completed a Masters of Public Health majoring in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has held several non-for-profit board appointments.



Dr. Prathmesh Contractor has acquired expertise in the medical profession from his experience working in RBWH, QCH, SCHHS, and Redcliffe Hospital for over 20 Years in trauma and orthopaedic surgery, as well as through advanced training in skin cancer surgery. Dr Contractor possess a strong interest in Trauma and Orthopaedics managing bone- muscle-joint conditions, skeletal injuries, arthritis, as well as sports and spinal conditions. More recently, Dr Contractor has moved from surgery to more general medical practice in Brisbane. He is currently working as a GP, specialising in muscular and skeletal conditions as well as skin cancer.



Dr. Antoinette Lam graduated with her Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery degree at The University of Adelaide in 2024. She is currently completing her medical internship across facilities in the Central Adelaide Local Health Network. Anne has been involved in working with NIE for over seven years. During this time, she has regularly assisted with the NIE Medical Interview Workshops, Medical Pathway Webinars and the Future Doctors Australia programs.