

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Our GP's each have a range of skills and interests outside the usual scope of GP practice. Many of our GPs have completed their training or extra studies in various specialties in the medical field. These include Women's health, Psychiatry, Paediatrics and Men's Health.

Patients with particular needs or enquiries are welcome to speak to our friendly reception staff to identify which GP may be best suited to your needs.

Dr Adel Asaid MBBCH, FRACGP, OAM

Dr Adel Asaid graduated medicine in Cairo, Egypt at Ainshams University in 1982. He moved to Australia in 1988, and lived in Melbourne until 1991. He started work at the Bendigo Hospital and stayed there for over 12 years. Dr Asaid joined the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1998, and trained in Eaglehawk then Dimboola. It was there that his love with rural settings and country life began.

This led Dr Asaid to establish his first rural clinic in Elmore in 1999. Two years later St Anthony Family Medical Practice Pty Ltd opened a clinic in Boort, followed by Rochester, Heathcote, Strathfieldsaye, Rushworth and Spring Gully. Dr Asaid has a special interests in training new Doctors to maintain rural services, aged care, travel vaccinations and family medicine.



Adjunct Associate Professor Ewa Piejko MBBS FRACGP

Dr Ewa Piejko trained at the University of Melbourne. She undertook her general practice training in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. Dr Piejko has completed a diploma of obstetrics and gynaecology.

In addition to General Practice, Ewa also works in training junior doctors to become GPs. She has recently been appointed as an Adjunct Associate Professor for the Monash University Rural Medical School. Ewa has an interest in all aspects of general practice.

Dr Piejko consults **Wednesdays and Thursdays** and is **not** currently accepting new patients.



Dr Aun Teeng Ritchie (Kat) MBBS FRACGP

Dr Kat Ritchie grew up in Malaysia where she lived with her family until she was seventeen. After two years of college in Singapore, she proceeded to complete her medical degree at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Ritchie moved to Bendigo to work in 2009, and found it such a great town that she has settled here with her husband and young children. Dr Ritchie is particularly interested in Women's Health (including Mirena and other contraceptive measures).

Dr Ritchie consults, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.



Dr Remon Eskandar MBBCH AMC FRACGP, Dermatology Certificate, Mental Health Certificate

Dr Remon Eskandar graduated in 2006, and since then has worked in various hospitals both overseas and in Australia including The Austin Hospital, Monash Medical Centre and Bendigo Hospital. Before joining our team, he worked at the Bendigo Hospital for three years in emergency, paediatrics, psychiatry, oncology and other departments. He has a vast experience in mental health and diabetic disease. He has a special interest in Rheumatology and other autoimmune diseases. He has gained Post Graduate training in skin and travel medicine.

Dr Eskandar is **not** currently accepting new patients, he will however see patients requiring travel vaccinations —please see reception.



Dr Jennifer Suzuki MBBS FRACGP

Dr Jennifer Suzuki moved from Canada in 2005 after quitting her job in the forensic industry to follow her dream of studying medicine. Following her graduation, she moved to Bendigo and completed a number of rotations at the Bendigo hospital, including psychiatry, paediatrics and ICU. In 2011, she decided to be a GP and commenced her training with RACGP, while working at a variety of clinics around Bendigo. Dr Suzuki has special interests in Psychiatry and Sports Medicine.

Dr Jennifer Suzuki **not** currently taking on new patients. She consults at Emu Creek Health Professionals (**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**) and Spring Gully Primary Health (**Mondays**).



Dr Sara Careem MBBS FRACGP

Dr Sara Careem obtained her Medical degree from Monash University and has worked in various departments at Bendigo Base Hospital, including the Emergency Department, Paediatrics, Psychiatry and Oncology. Sara has worked in both our Strathfieldsaye and Heathcote Primary Health practices seeing a wide variety of patients. Sara enjoys applying the wide range of knowledge and skills she has gained through her experience to General Practice. Sara has a particular interest in Chronic Disease Management and Minor Surgical Procedures.

Dr Sara Careem consults at Spring Gully Primary Health (**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**) and Strathfieldsaye Primary Health (**Wednesday**).



Dr Edward Griffin MB ChB, FRACGP

Dr Ed Griffin trained at the Birmingham University, UK. He undertook various training jobs in the UK and New Zealand before coming to Australia.

Ed met his wife and they worked in Indigenous communities in Arnhem Land and the Torres Strait for 6 years, as well as working as volunteer doctors in Papua New Guinea for two years. Ed has spent 12 years working as a GP in Castlemaine. He has a particular interest in skin cancer surgery and Men's health.

Ed consults Monday, Tuesday & Friday.



Dr Tristan McAlpine B.Sc (Hons) MBBS

Dr Tristan McAlpine grew up in Bendigo and then completed an honours degree in Science at Melbourne University. Following this, he worked as a scientist in Cancer Research at the Ludwig Institute (Austin Hospital).

Tristan graduated in Medicine and trained as a junior doctor in NSW before returning to Bendigo in 2016. Tristan completed hospital terms in emergency medicine, cardiology, oncology, haematology, psychiatry and palliative care and oncology at Bendigo Health.

Tristan consults Monday to Friday.



Dr Joshua Cowan MBBS(Hons) B Med Sci FRACGP DCH

Dr Josh Cowan grew up in Wangaratta and graduated from the University of Melbourne with Honours in 2013. Josh worked at the Austin, Northern and Ballarat Hospitals across various rotations including Haematology, Paediatrics, Liver transplant, Emergency and Renal medicine.

Josh has completed post graduate training in Paediatrics through the Sydney Child Health Program. He has an interest in children's health, travel medicine and complex medical conditions. Josh is excited to return to the country along with his wife and young children.

Josh consults Monday at Emu Creek Health professionals and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Strathfieldsaye Primary Health.





Dr Hannah Ward MBBS(Hons), EMC, MPH, FRACGP

Dr Hannah Ward grew up in Tasmania and graduated from UTAS in 2009. She has since worked in tertiary hospitals in Hobart and Darwin, and most recently lived and worked regionally in Kalgoorlie and Esperance, Western Australia. She has completed post grad study in Emergency Medicine, a Masters of Public Health at James Cook University and Fellowship of General Practice. She moved to Bendigo with her partner Chris and daughter in 2019.

Her interests include; travel and tropical medicine, paediatrics and women's health. Dr Hannah Ward consults Thursdays Mornings at Strathfieldsaye Primary Health.

Dr Keerthi Kulasekara MBBS. Mphil

Keerthi obtained his first medical degree in Sri Lanka in 1998. Born and raised in rural Sri Lanka, Keerthi came to Australia in 2006. After completing a PhD at Flinders University in South Australia he moved to Bendigo in 2010 to work as a Lecturer in Human Biosciences at La Trobe University Bendigo. He completed Australian Medical Council (AMC) qualifications in 2013. Keerthi completed all his Australian medical training at Bendigo Base Hospital. He has also worked for a year at St John of God Hospital (Bendigo) ICU. Then after five years of hospital practice he joined the rural GP workforce in early 2018. Keerthi's interests include child and adolescent health, mental health, aged care and all the chronic medical conditions. Keerthi enjoys the rural lifestyle in Bendigo and he lives in Bendigo with his family since 2010. Keerthi consults Monday to Friday between Strathfieldsaye and Emu Creek.



Dr Bethany Hough MBBS

Dr Bethany Hough completed her medical degree at Monash University where she was part of the Extended Rural Cohort program. This allowed her to spend a majority of her clinical placements in North-West Victoria and gave her a love for Bendigo and its surrounds.

After completing her first year of work at Monash Health, Dr Hough returned to Bendigo with her husband (who is a Bendigo local) and worked at Bendigo Hospital for several years in numerous areas including paediatrics, women's health, psychiatry and oncology. She has a special interest in paediatrics and has undertaken post-graduate training through The Sydney Child Health Program.

Bethany consults Monday, Tuesday full days and Wednesday mornings.

Dr Shaukat Bashir MBBS AMC

Dr Shaukat Bashir graduated in 2011, and since then has worked in various hospitals both overseas and in Australia including Launceston General Hospital, Warragul Hospital, Monash Health, and Bendigo Hospital. Before starting his career as a GP, he has worked in different departments like General Medicine, Oncology, Orthopaedics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Emergency and ICU.

He has special interest in Mental health, Sexual health and minor surgical procedures. Shaukat consults Monday to Friday.



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