



Whitehorse medical centre

WMC Practice update

January 2017

The doctors and staff wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017.

2016 sprinted past, and we take a moment to update you all on the start of 2017.

Patients and staff alike were sad to farewell Dr Yong Boon after 13 years of practice at WMC. We wish Dr Boon all the very best in retirement as he tends to his vegetable garden and plans his next overseas adventure.

Friday 3rd February, 2017 is the end of the GP Training term. WMC will be very sad to farewell Dr Peter Sanad, who will be completing a fantastic



term with us. We wish Peter all the best for his next two terms and also the GP exam that he will be sitting later this year. The end of Peter's term will also signal the start for new GP Registrars Dr Deepshika Chhabra (Shikha)

and Dr Jason Vellios. Shikha joins WMC having successfully completed two previous GP training terms, the most recent at the North Mitcham Clinic. Shikha will have appointments available from Monday 6th February 2017. Jason joins us for his first term as a GP Registrar having gained

entry into the program after three years of hospital experience in Queensland and Victoria. Jason too will have appointments available from 6th February 2017. Both Shikah and Jason will remain at WMC till August this year.

Patients and staff will breathe a sigh of relief as we welcome Dr Kolin Lu back to WMC for the longer term. Kolin commences practice also on 6th February, 2017 and will have appointments available from the same day. Kolin has wide interests including men's health, managing chronic/complex medical conditions, children's health, skin and small office procedures.



Kolin will have a busy 2017 building a new practice at WMC and also planning a big event with his beautiful fiancé later in the year. Outside of medicine, Kolin is an avid traveller and enjoys snowboarding whenever he can find snow.

WMC has been significantly under resourced since September 2016. You may have already experienced the inconvenience of not being able to get an appointment with your GP on the same day. Kolin along with Shikah and Jason will significantly increase the number of available appointments, easing the pressure on the GPs and staff.



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WMC also welcomed a number of new faces on our front desk in the later part of 2016. Anne, our new Office Manager brings wide general practice and corporate experience to lead our reception team and assist Lesley, our Practice Manager. We will overlook the fact that Anne supports the All Blacks in welcoming Anne to WMC. We also welcome Leanne who will join Pam, Jody, Kerrilee and Kerry on the reception.

WMC also welcomed Janet Akehurst in October last year. Janet is an experienced mental health nurse who will start consulting fortnightly, with the intention of increasing her sessions as her practice grows. Janet will work closely with all the GP's at WMC and our psychiatrist Dr Channarayapatna Prassanna.



2017 will be a significant year at WMC for a number of reasons. It is particularly significant for WMC's Practice Manager, who will be completing her 25th year with the practice this year. Lesley has worked with four practice principals, and a number of GP's who continue to work and have worked at WMC. The doctors and staff at WMC congratulate Lesley on reaching this significant milestone.

The summer holidays are almost over, but more Australians continue to travel to all corners of the globe. The world has never been this accessible. When you are next planning your travel adventure, it is important to consider the specific health risks associated to your next travel destination. A travel medicine consultation should ideally be planned more than 6 weeks prior to your date of departure. A travel consultation could typically take up to 1.5 hours. www.whitehorsemmedical.com.au for more information and useful links.

Once again, happy and healthy new year to you all.

The Doctors and Staff at WMC.