



Chatswood Private Hospital
Christmas Newsletter 2019

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PresMed 2020 Optometrist Conference



We are excited to announce our upcoming [PresMed](#) 2020 Optometrist Conference will be held on Sunday 5 April 2020! The [Presmed](#) Optometrist Conference is a fantastic opportunity to hear from leading Ophthalmologists from [Chatswood Private Hospital](#), [Epping Surgery Centre](#) and [Madison Day Surgery](#) presenting the latest information from their respective specialist fields, while providing a great platform to network and socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment. Optometrists will also have the opportunity to meet their individual clinical practice and Continuing Professional Development requirements. Be sure to save the date! Full speaker program and further details to follow.

CPH Attends Annual ESCRS Conference



In September, Roger Cronin, CEO and Feng Neal, CFO, travelled to Paris to attend the 37th Annual Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS). It was attended by thousands of Ophthalmologists and industry leaders from all over the world. Lasting from the 14th to 18th of September, the conference showcased the latest developments in cataract and refractive surgery.

The highlights of this year's Congress include the Main Symposia, demonstrations from leading technology providers and numerous lectures on emerging developments in Ophthalmology. The conference was an invaluable opportunity for our management team to be abreast of the latest information, trends and technology, bringing wealth of knowledge on ophthalmic care back to Australia. [Click here](#) to read more.

Consumer Engagement: Successful Sydney ENT Surgeon Network & Education Group Evening

[PresMed Australia](#), in association with [Chatswood Private Hospital](#) (CPH), hosted a Sydney ENT Surgeon Network & Education Group on the 3rd September 2019. The evening provided an opportunity education and networking forum for Sydney ENT Surgeons with a presentation by clinical leader, [Professor Raymond Sacks](#). The night started with a tour of the hospital and its facilities, followed by a captivating presentation by [Professor Sacks](#) on How to Avoid FESS Failures. Following the presentation, attendees were able to raise and discuss case studies within a relaxed and collegial atmosphere. Attendees were enthusiastic about the event, and its establishment as a forum for future networking. The evening served as a fantastic opportunity to bring the ENT communities together, learn from each other's experiences and increase the services that we provide to surgeons and patients. Chatswood Private looks forward to hosting future events. [Click here](#) to read more.



CPH Celebrates Perioperative Nurses Week 2019



[Chatswood Private Hospital](#) celebrated Peri-Operative Nurses Week on the 7th – 13th October, 2019. Perioperative nurses care for patients before, during and after surgery, in areas such as anaesthetics and recovery. In recognition of the valuable role our perioperative nurses play in delivering quality care to their patients, we celebrated with morning tea and cake. [Chatswood Private Hospital](#) would like to thank all of its perioperative nursing staff for their very real contributions and care of their patients' safe perioperative journeys.

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PresMed Australia's 100,000th Surgery

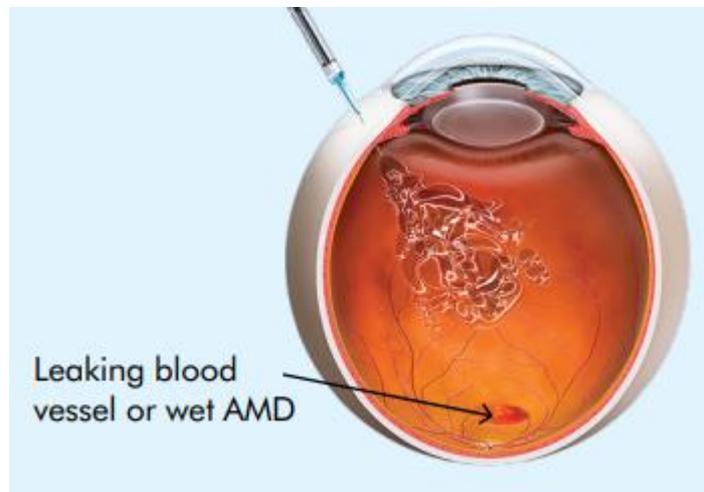


Congratulations to all the staff and management teams at each of the [PresMed Australia](#) Facilities for their contributions to achieving the groups' collective 100,000th Surgery in September, 2019. "100,000 surgeries is a significant achievement for our group", said Mr Marc Resnik, [PresMed's](#) Managing Director, "and underscores our commitment to excellence in day surgery and patient care."

[Chatswood Private Hospital](#) was privileged to host the milestone patient, Mr Giuseppe Roda, who was very pleased to have been selected and commented that he had not won anything like this before. Giuseppe and the team were treated on the day with chocolates and cake to mark the milestone occasion.

[Dr Allan Bank](#) was the operating surgeon, performed The Ophthalmic Surgery Centre's first surgery when it opened in 1997. From all of the [PresMed Australia](#) Facilities Management and Staff, we thank all of our patients for being a part of this historic achievement. [Click here](#) to read more.

Proposed Changes to Eye Injections



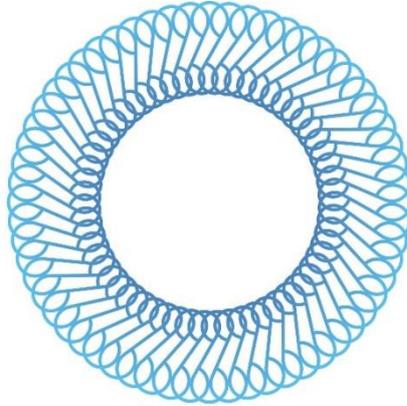
You may have heard that the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce for Ophthalmology, has developed a draft report suggesting changes to Medicare rebates for intravitreal eye injections. These injections deliver sight-saving treatments for a range of conditions such as wet age-related macular degeneration and diabetic macular edema.

The Macular Disease Foundation is now seeking feedback on these draft changes. Feedback will be considered by the Taskforce before a final report is submitted to the Government for consideration. The Macular Disease Foundation is looking for patients or carers living with a macular disease, to help us better tell the story to the Government, of what it is like to live with this disease. The Foundation is interested in speaking to anyone who is struggling to pay for their current treatments or has abandoned treatment simply due to cost.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please call the National Helpline on 1800 111 709 or send an email to communications@mdfoundation.com.au

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Optometrist Online



OPTOMETRIST ONLINE

[Optometrist Online](#) is a free website with Optometrist Association Australia (OAA) approved education Modules for Continuing Professional Development Points. Optometrist Online will be adding the following new modules as of the 1st December, 2019:

- What to Consider – Gonioscopy, Anterior Segment, Optic Disk and IOPs
- Cataract Comprehensive with Retina
- Understanding Systemic Diseases
- Surgery Case Studies
- Common Corneal and Anterior Segment Cases
- Practical Guides for Busy Optometric Practices

Earn 2-3 CPD points per module with a mixture of Therapeutic and Non-Therapeutic available. [Click here](#) to register.

Featured Doctors



[Dr Andrew Wignall](#)

Following initial ENT hospital appointments, Dr Wignall joined a group General Practice in Launceston, where he worked for 15 years. He has an interest in Sports Medicine - Regional President of Sports Medicine Australia - and

Practice Management, along with a full-time general practice.

Dr Wignall proceeded to further training in General Surgery, and then Otolaryngology (ENT), Head & Neck Surgery, with a Fellowship with the Australian College of Surgeons – Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (FRACS). [Click here](#) to read more.

[Dr Thomas Woo](#)

Dr Thomas Woo is an Ophthalmologist specialising in cataract surgery, general ophthalmology and the medical management of glaucoma. He graduated in Medicine from the University of NSW with Honours in 1994 and spent 5 years training in general medicine and surgery at Concord Hospital. In 1999 he completed his Masters of Public Health at the University of Sydney. After completing his studies, he spent a further 2 years as a Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) at Concord Hospital teaching cataract surgery to registrars and junior doctors in their eye clinic. Dr Woo is a specialist ophthalmologist managing all common eye conditions including cataracts and the medical management of glaucoma including laser treatment for narrow angle glaucoma which is more prevalent in the Asian population.

Dr Woo speaks conversational Cantonese. [Click here](#) to read more.

CPH Christmas Closure



Chatswood Private Hospital will be closed from Friday 20th December and re-open on Monday 6th January, 2020. From all of the staff and management at Chatswood Private Hospital, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe New Year. We look forward to continuing to service our community in 2020. For more details on the closure and contact numbers, please [click here](#).