## **Dear Doctor**

Keeping local GPs informed

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## CEO INSIGHT

## Specialist team expands

Dear Doctor,

**Support concludes for now** - The end of June marks a conclusion to St Vincent's supporting the public health system by accepting public patients for surgery. Under the COVID-19 Partnership Agreement we were assisting the national pandemic response with surgery and medical care. That program has concluded for now with the hospital available should the health authorities request our support again during the pandemic.



**Specialist team expansion** - I'm pleased to inform your St Vincent's has further expanded our specialist team with the following six new doctors joining us:

Dr Scott Armstrong – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr Kyle Bender – General Surgeon Dr Paul Bergamin – Urologist Dr Pramod Durgakeri – General Surgeon Dr Darcy Hamilton – Anaesthetist Dr Rachel Jones – Geriatrician.

St. Vincent's now has more than 130 specialists ready, willing and able to care for your patients.

**Centenary Medical Dinner** - save the date - In our Centenary Year I'm thrilled to invite you as our guest to our Centenary Medical Dinner on Friday 22nd October at the Ballina Jockey Club from 6pm. Formal invitations to follow. It will be a great evening. Please save the date in your diary.

**Accreditation secured** - good to know - Recently St Vincent's underwent and passed our three year Organisation Wide Assessment by the Australia Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS). We were assessed on eight National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and met all actions contained within these standards. As a result the hospital has maintained our accreditation for the next three years.

**Ballina consulting rooms** - Some of your patients may be interested in accessing our Ballina consulting rooms where St Vincent's currently has 11 specialists consulting. For more information about the specialists consulting from our rooms in Ballina please refer to our website at www. svh.org.au

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Save the date

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## CENTENARY Medical Dinner

When: Friday 22nd OctoberWhat: Centenary Medical DinnerWhere: Ballina Jockey ClubTime: From 6pmFormal invitations to follow





As GPs often ask how to manage patients with diabetes and diabetic foot disease this edition of GPs Ask features local vascular surgeon Dr Dominic Simring.

Visit www.svh.org.au/for-gps/gp-hub/ to watch:

