Dear Doctor

Keeping local GPs informed

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CEO INSIGHT

Dear Doctor,

In addition to the six new specialists mentioned in our previous edition of Dear Doctor I'm pleased to welcome Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon **Dr Scott Armstrong** and Haematologist **Dr Louise Imlay-Gillespie** to the St Vincent's family.

To keep informed of the latest list of our specialists please see page 2 of this newsletter.

COVID-19 - Mandatory vaccinations - Our campus in Lismore is required to comply with the recent NSW Government Public Health Orders concerning mandatory vaccinations.

Aged care - St Joseph's Lismore. From 17 September the NSW Government has advised that aged care workers and service providers must not enter or remain on the premises of a residential aged care facility unless they have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The NSW Government has not yet set a date required for aged care workers to have received their second COVID-19 vaccination.

The hospital - From 30 September health care workers at St Vincent's must have received at least one dose of a COVID 19 vaccine in order to work or enter the premises. And by 30 November all health care workers must have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination service at St Vincent's for aged care staff and residents - To support the national COVID-19 vaccination program targets St Vincent's has been contracted by the Commonwealth to vaccinate our campus aged care staff and our residents. Our vaccination service is planned to be operational during the week commencing 13th September.

Centenary Medical Dinner postponed - Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the current uncertainty, we've decided it's safer to postpone our Centenary Medical Dinner which was planned for October 22nd. I know many were looking forward to this get together. I'm hopeful we can reschedule the event in the New Year and I'll be in touch regarding a date and venue. **Elective surgery continues** - You may have seen that non-urgent elective surgery involving category three and four procedures has been suspended at certain hospitals in New South Wales to ensure the "resources and capacity required for the COVID-19 response are maintained during the current outbreak". However, this directive does not apply to St Vincent's at this time and our



theatres are operating at normal activity levels.

Of course if there are any changes in this directive or any other special conditions that apply to St Vincent's that may impact upon your patients, we shall inform you immediately.

Public patients accepted for surgery - Until the end of September St Vincent's is again supporting the public health system by accepting public patients for surgery, under the COVID-19 National Partnership Agreement. We are happy to support our community's response to the pandemic in whatever way we can.

Hydrotherapy pool upgrade complete - Our hydrotherapy pool at St Vincent's was closed for an upgrade. We know that the pool is a very popular therapy option, particularly for our outpatient groups. This facility has now re-opened and we anticipate the improvements will be greatly appreciated by those using this facility.

Steve Brierley CEO, St Vincent's Lismore



Cancer patient screening and surveillance

In this short video General and Colorectal Surgeon Dr Daniel Bills discusses colorectal cancer patient screening and surveillance Visit www.svh.org.au/gp-hub/ to watch.



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