

Dr Sundar Sundaram Awarded OAM for Service to the Community

WentWest would like to congratulate Dr Sundar Sundaram on being awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his devoted service to the community in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List.

Born and raised in India, Dr Sundar arrived in Australia in 1974 working in paediatrics for many years across Australia. After turning his attention to general practice, he now practices at the Dr Sundar Family Medical Practice in Toongabbie.

The OAM acknowledges his relentless efforts to reduce the prevalence of diabetes, particularly among migrant communities, along with his work with several multicultural community groups including the NSW Indian Welfare Association, United Indian Association and Tamil Manram. Through his work with Tamil Manram, he and his wife Rani have sponsored the school for 27 years, growing it from one student to 300.

“I am so honoured to be named in this year’s Australia Day Honours List. I am very proud of my medical profession. I have been incredibly passionate about giving back to the wider Australian society which includes many ethnic communities, and highlighting the importance of health education and compassion. To be recognised in such a manner is absolutely fantastic,” said Dr Sundar.

Not planning on retirement any time soon, he continues to lead the way in practice transformation with a special emphasis on chronic disease and trauma. Dr Sundar is also involved in several associations, one of which is the Blacktown Medical Practitioners Association which WentWest proudly supports.

WentWest Acting CEO, Brendan Peek extended his hearty congratulations to Dr Sundar on behalf of the organisation. “WentWest is fortunate to support the work of GPs across western Sydney and Dr Sundar is an exemplary example of the tangible difference community-minded medical professionals can make to the region. He has delivered compassionate, quality care to the people of western Sydney for over 40 years and it’s wonderful to see him honoured this way.”



Events

Connecting Your Practice to My Health Record

Monday 18th February 2019

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Mental Health Professional Network

Monday 18th February 2019

6:00pm - 8:30pm

My Health Record: Aged Care

Wednesday 27th February 2019

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Medico-Legal Workshop: Privacy, Confidentiality and Data Breaches

Wednesday 6th March 2019

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Other News

Weekly Update Survey

This year Weekly Update will feature relevant articles, the latest health news and events for western Sydney health professionals. To understand our readers better, we'd appreciate any suggestions you may have. Take our short survey to help WentWest communicate better with you in 2019.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common, contagious virus that can cause cancers and diseases in both females and males. Without vaccination, 90% of adults will have a HPV infection at some point in their life.

The vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect young people from getting a range of HPV related cancers and diseases.

The Department of Health has developed a clinical advice fact sheet for health care providers.

Find out more about HPV and the HPV vaccine provided through the National Immunisation Program.

'Choose the Right Care for You'

NSW Health has launched a digital campaign to educate 17 to 34 year old's without children, about the health care options available to treat common ailments.

Hospital data in 2017 showed people in this age group present to the Emergency Department for illnesses that could potentially be treated in primary care, pharmacy or self-care, due to low awareness of other health care providers available to them.

For more information about the campaign visit the NSW Health website.

EOI: US Study Travel Award

WentWest is looking for three interested health professionals from western Sydney primary care practices to participate in a US primary care masterclass. All flights, internal travel within the US, accommodation, meal allowance and masterclass costs are included, or will be paid for.

If you are interested in this outstanding opportunity, please submit an expression of interest covering the appropriate questions to brendan.peek@wentwest.com.au no later than Friday 22nd February.

GP Association meeting

The following GP Association meeting is coming up in western Sydney:

☒Mount Druitt: Walking into Good Health, Community Initiative to Promote Smoking Cessation, Friday 22nd March.

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