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### Assoc Prof Leo Donnan is based at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne Australia.

Assoc Prof Leo Donnan trained in Australia, the United Kingdom and Europe in Paediatric Orthopaedics and Limb Reconstruction. His principle clinical interests are hip dysplasia, limb reconstruction and orthopaedic oncology but is involved in all aspects of orthopaedic care for young patients and adults.

He has held positions as Head of Unit, Chief of Surgery and Director of training at the Royal Children's Hospital and has a significant interest in clinical research, research registries and education. He has a Masters in Surgical Education and has developed multiple online training courses across multiple disciplines.

Current Research Team leader Murdoch Children's Research Institute, President of APOA and APPOS.



### Dr Catherine McDougall is the Chief Medical Officer, Queensland Health.

Catherine trained and worked as a physiotherapist prior to undertaking her medical degree at the University of Queensland and went on to train in Orthopaedics receiving her Fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) at the end of 2013 and going on to complete post fellowship training in arthroplasty and revision arthroplasty at the Gold Coast and the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary.

Dr McDougall held leadership roles in the Orthopaedic Department at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) and as the Clinical Director of Surgery at the Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS) MNHHS prior to commencing as the Qld Health Chief Medical Officer in March 2023.

Dr McDougall is passionate about public health and delivering high quality care to patients within a sustainable environment. She has a particular interest in improving the patient journey through the system, improving efficiencies within the system, and decreasing low value care and unwarranted variation. Catherine completed a graduate Certificate in Safety, Quality, Informatics and Leadership at Harvard University in 2021, and is a Masters of Public Health Candidate.

Dr McDougall is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), is a reservist with the Australian Defence Force, Air Force and is an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland Medical School.



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### **LEANNE BRACE**

Leanne is a Registered Nurse, and has worked as an orthopaedic scrub nurse most of her career. She has gained post grad qualifications to work as a Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant. She now works with a number of orthopaedic surgeons in this role, predominately at Northwest Private Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside, whilst also still doing shifts as a scrub nurse at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital.

### **BECKY BRUCE**

Becky Bruce is a dedicated Clinical Nurse specialising in the Orthopaedic Spine Service at Queensland Children's Hospital. She qualified as a paediatric nurse in England in 2009 and has over a decade of experience in ward orthopaedic nursing. Since 2021, Becky has focused her expertise on spine deformity and injury, providing comprehensive care to paediatric patients. Currently, she is collaborating with the ASR to establish a paediatric spinal surgery database, aiming to enhance patient outcomes and streamline care processes.



### **MAREE CUMMINS**

Nurse Practitioner Aeromedical, RFDS (Qld Section)

Maree completed her training as a Registered Nurse and Midwife at the Mater Hospitals in Brisbane.

After further post graduate studies, Maree commenced work with RFDS Qld Section, initially based in Mount Isa for several years, providing both primary health care and aeromedical retrieval throughout North-West Qld and the Gulf Country, before returning to the south when RFDS opened a Base in Brisbane.

Her current role is RFDS Nurse Practitioner Aeromedical undertaking primary response and interfacility aeromedical retrievals.



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#### DR ANTHONY FRENCH

Dr Anthony French is a Geriatrician in the private sector, working out of Greenslopes Private Hospital and Brisbane Private Hospital. He also runs a busy group private practice and is the Director of the Queensland Geriatric Medicine Group.

Dr French is active with the UQ medical school as a senior lecturer, in physician training, and is an examiner with the university for almost 20 years and the RACP for the last 10 years. His professional interests include Orthogeriatrics, Perioperative Medicine in the older person, Rehabilitation, and cognitive impairment as well as healthy ageing.

Dr French is a regular presenter at many educational events for GPs, trainees, pharmacists, orthopaedic surgery registrars, medical students, nurses and allied health covering many topics and has also travelled overseas to Europe, the USA and Canada as an invited speaker. Dr French is also active on committees in the private hospital sector in his spare time.



### DR PETER GIFFORD

Dr Peter Gifford completed an undergraduate degree in Physiotherapy (BSc PT) before moving to Queensland to obtain his medical degree (MBBS) at the University of Queensland.

After being accepted into the orthopaedic training programme and completing his registrar training, Peter was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS). He then travelled to London to pursue additional sub-specialised training by completing dedicated fellowships under internationally recognised leaders in his key areas of interest; sports injury and joint reconstruction. Fellowships undertaken included Sports Knee at both Chelsea Westminster and Cromwell Hospitals, followed by further specialisation in hip and knee arthroplasty at the University College London Hospital.

Dr Gifford holds the position of Deputy Director at Princess Alexandra Public Hospital and sees patients privately at Greenslopes and Mater Private Hospitals. He is passionate about teaching and training junior doctors. Dr Gifford has contributed published research to both peer reviewed journals and textbooks and continues to pursue evidence-based practice through ongoing research projects.



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### **ADJ A/PROF ASHISH GUPTA**

Dr Ashish Gupta is Sub specialist Shoulder surgeon practising at Greenslopes Private and Mater Public Hospital. Dr Gupta's practise solely consist of treating patients with shoulder problems. He is one of a handful surgeons in Australia whose entire practise / life focus is shoulder surgery.

Dr Gupta is the Founder Director of Queensland Unit for Advanced Surgical Research-QUASR a dedicated basic science shoulder unit and Shoulder Surgery Qld Research Institute SSQRI a dedicated clinical shoulder research unit.

He is the Co Director of the Brisbane Shoulder Arthroscopy and Arthroplasty Fellowship which trains orthopaedic surgeons in the sub speciality of shoulder surgery.

Dr Gupta completed his undergraduate medical training from one of the top medical schools in India. Ashish commenced working in Queensland and completed his Orthopaedic specialist training in Queensland and was awarded the Fellowship by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2013.

Dr Gupta practiced as a staff specialist at the Townsville General Hospital in 2013 where he provided

orthopaedic care to the local community. He was actively involved in teaching and training registrars in Orthopaedics and medical students from James Cook University.

True to the Aussie spirit of exploring beyond our shores; a penchant for research and quest for working in some of the best units in the world led Dr Gupta to move overseas for a few years to gain sub specialist training in shoulder surgery at the premier institution's in Europe and North America...



### **DR MARTIN LOWE**

Dr. Lowe was born and raised in Brisbane and graduated from the University of Queensland School of Medicine in 2007 and completed his Orthopaedic Fellowship in 2017. Following this he undertook a fellowship at the prestigious Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham, United Kingdom, under the direct tutelage of world renown surgeon Professor Lee Jeys.

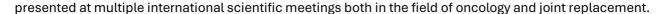
During his time in this centre of excellence for Orthopaedic Oncology and Arthroplasty, Dr. Lowe gained extensive experience in the surgical management of both adult and paediatric sarcomas using 3-Dimensional intra-operative computer navigation as well as managing complex primary and revision joint replacement of the hip and knee. He also worked within the West Midlands Bone and Joint Infection Unit and acquired many unique and innovative surgical skills in managing joint infections.

Dr. Lowe is an active participant in multiple research projects both locally and internationally and has



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Dr. Lowe has dual staff specialist appointments at both the Queensland Childrens' Hospital and the Princess Alexandra Hospital. He consults and operates at the Wesley Hospital.

Dr. Lowe is married with three young children. They love spending time with their dog Bedford, at the beach, fishing, and on the family farm in Stanthorpe.



### **DR GILLIAN NALDER**

Dr Nalder is a Rehabilitation Medicine Specialist and has a special interest in general rehabilitation, transitional rehabilitation, cerebral palsy, hypermobility disorders and pain management.

She is also the supervisor for Rehabilitation Medicine advanced training program for Royal Australasian College of Physicians



### DR LARISSA SLATTER

Dr Larissa Sattler is an experienced orthopaedic physiotherapist and researcher, currently in the role of Assistant Professor of Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy and Clinical Education at Bond University. During her time as a senior orthopaedic physiotherapist at Pindara Private Hospital on the Gold Coast, Larissa completed a PhD in the field of total knee arthroplasty rehabilitation. Her research has been presented nationally and internationally and she is a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association Orthopaedic Group and the Queensland Orthopaedic Physiotherapy Network. Currently, Larissa is leading a randomised controlled trial with the Orthopaedic Department at Robina Hospital investigating optimal physiotherapy pathways for patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty, which is funded by a Gold Coast Health Collaborative Grant Scheme award.



### **DR MARK TADROS**

Mark is a consultant in pain medicine. He has been a consultant for 20 years and works at Greenslopes Private Hospital where he is the Director of Pain Medicine



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### DR IRA VAN DER STEENSTRATEN

Dr Ira van der Steenstraten is the founding director of Vitae Wellbeing & Leadership and is currently working as a professional coach, speaker, and facilitator. Trained as a psychiatrist, psychotherapist, and systems therapist in The Netherlands, she worked as a consultant psychiatrist before moving to Brisbane in 2008. This pivotal shift sparked her focus on wellbeing, rather than ill-health, prompting her to expand her expertise into coaching and establish her own practice.

Having experienced the healthcare system as both a professional and a chronic patient, Ira is deeply committed to improving the wellbeing of all health professionals. She co-developed and facilitated the award-winning 'Resilience on the Run' and 'Wellbeing at Work' programs for AMAQ which have supported over 4,500 (junior) doctors.

A recognized thought leader in workplace wellbeing and leadership, her work is published in peer-reviewed journals, and she has designed mindfulness programs for both adults and children. Ira's dedication to giving back is reflected in her leadership roles, currently serving as Vice-President of both the Queensland Medical Women's Society and the management team of Doctors' Health in Queensland.



### **DR GERALD YEO**

Dr Gerald Yeo is a Queensland trained and qualified Orthopaedic Surgeon (BMedSci, FRACS (Ortho) & FAOrthA) with extensive surgical experience.

Of Malaysian/Chinese heritage, Dr Yeo moved in the 1990's initially to New Zealand where he completed his final year of high school before moving onto Australia where he graduated from medical school with honours from Tasmania.

Dr Yeo then went on to complete his Orthopaedic training working out of various hospitals all around Queensland in various sub specialties before deciding his final interest in lower limb surgery.