



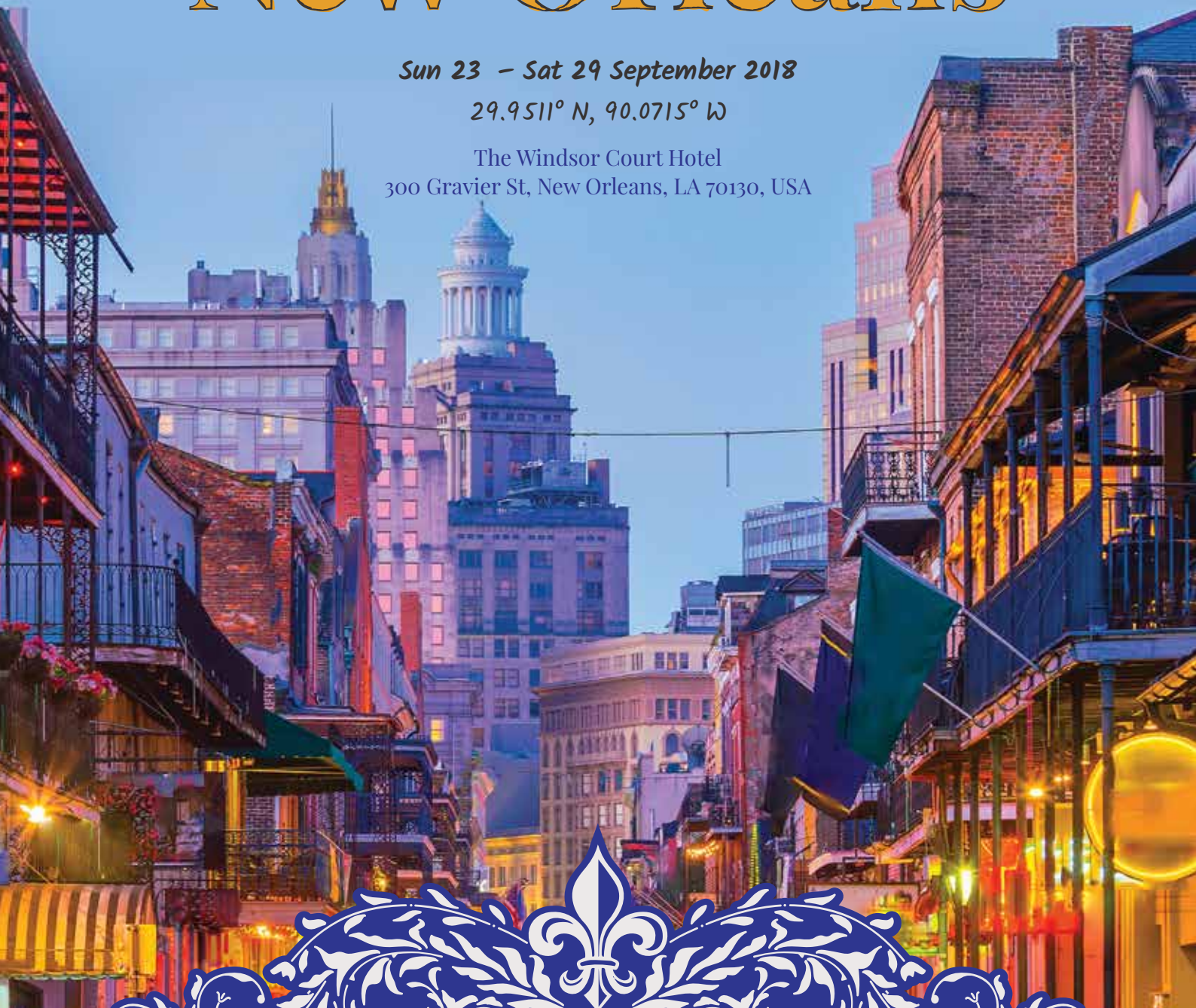
AMA Queensland's Annual Conference

New Orleans

Sun 23 – Sat 29 September 2018

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New Orleans

New Orleans began as a French-Canadian outpost back in 1718 and is now vibrant and alive with its own brand of art, food, and music. With a unique culture that stands apart from anywhere else in the world, the Big Easy is renowned for its vibrant live-music scene and spicy cuisine reflecting its history of French, African, and American cultures.

The French Quarter, also known as the Vieux Carré or the Quarter to locals, sits on a crescent in the Mississippi River on some of the highest grounds in New Orleans. The French Quarter architecture is a blend of Spanish, French, Creole, and American styles. Enjoy people-watching from the lacy galleries, stoops, and porches of these magnificent buildings.

The French Quarter is the best place to sample the famous Creole and Cajun cuisine. It was here that the Spanish, in an attempt to make paella, created the famous jambalaya dish. No visit to New Orleans is complete without a visit to Café Du Monde. Established in 1862, they serve the most delicious French-styled doughnuts called beignets.

In around 1900, jazz exploded onto the scene in New Orleans. Most consider it the home of jazz, based on the traditional style of Dixieland. Today there is an endless supply of world-class jazz and blues plus every other genre on any night of the week – plenty to keep locals and visitors alike entertained!



Windsor Court Hotel

Embrace the elegance of New Orleans when staying at the Windsor Court Hotel.

Surrounded by a city full of history, Windsor Court Hotel is just steps away from the famous French Quarter. Rich in style and French-inspired décor, this elegant retreat embraces the spirit and hospitality of the city.

Close to all the vibrancy of the French Quarter, this award-winning hotel also offers a tranquil escape. Whether exploring their art collection or taking in the view while relaxing at their roof-top pool, the Windsor Court Hotel has you covered.

The amazing news is that *AMA Queensland Annual Conference* delegates will have the opportunity to stay in a deluxe suite, over 600 square feet (approximately 55 square metres) at the same rate as a regular guest room of half its size. Offering a king-size bed and a separate living area, some suites also offer private balconies.



Itinerary

Sunday 23 September 2018

Upon arrival to New Orleans, group transfers are arranged from the Louis Armstrong Airport to our conference hotel.

7pm - 9pm

Enjoy a special introduction to New Orleans at the welcome function this evening at our hotel.

Monday 24 September 2018

Breakfast

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel

8.15am – 1pm

Conference sessions

Lunch

Included at the hotel

2.30pm

Mansions and magnolias

The Garden District boasts one of the best preserved collections of historic southern mansions in the

United States. In the 19th century, opulent estates were built by wealthy newcomers who flocked to New Orleans after the Louisiana purchase, which was a time of great prosperity in the city.

Today's tour includes a walking tour through the upper Garden District and a drive through the lower Garden District.

Evening

At leisure

Tuesday 25 September 2018

Breakfast

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel

8.30am – 1pm

Conference sessions

Lunch

Own arrangements

Afternoon

Optional tours available:

- ✿ Cemetery and voodoo tour
- ✿ New Orleans by segway
- ✿ Visit to Ochsner Medical School

Evening

At leisure

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Swamplands and plantations

Experience the marvels of Louisiana's Bayou Country and the mystical swamplands. Our swamp boat will glide through the waters passing exotic plant life and wildlife unique to the Louisiana wetlands, including alligators.

We will continue on to Oak Alley Plantation, known for its quarter-mile canopy of giant oak trees in the most spectacular setting along the Mississippi River. The private estate, dating back to 1803, will give us a true appreciation of the Louisiana plantation life and the genteel manner of living for which the south is known. While at the estate, we will enjoy a southern-styled plantation luncheon.

Thursday 27 September 2018

Breakfast

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel

8.30am – 1pm

Conference sessions

Lunch

Own arrangements

Afternoon

Optional tours available:

- ✿ Mardi Gras – Behind the Mask
- ✿ Cajun and Creole cooking class

Evening

At leisure

Optional tours available:

- ✿ Ghost hunters

Friday 28 September 2018

Breakfast

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel

8.30am – 1pm

Conference sessions

Lunch

Own arrangements

Afternoon

Optional tours available:

- ✿ Paddle steamer Natchez harbour cruise
- ✿ Cemetery and voodoo tour

Evening

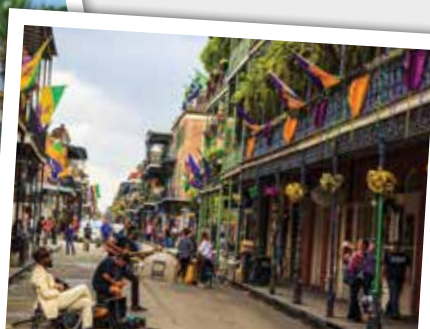
This evening we bring together the sights, sounds, and flavours of the deep south with our farewell event.

Saturday 29 September 2018

Breakfast

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today you can join a post-conference tour or a group transfer back to New Orleans Louis Armstrong Airport for your onward travel.



Monday 24 September 2018

Chair: Jane Schmitt, Chief Executive Officer, AMA Queensland

8.15am – 8.30am

Welcome and administration

Jane Schmitt, Chief Executive Officer,
AMA Queensland

8.30am – 9am

The Australian / USA Relationship

The Honourable Joe Hockey, Australian Ambassador
to the United States.

The relationship between the United States and Australia is unique in its depth and breadth and enduring in its nature. It is a relationship cemented by the events of world history and made ever more relevant by the people to people and institutional bonds that continue to grow with each passing year. The Battle of Hamel - fought and won in just 93 minutes on July 4, 1918 - marked the first time that Australian and American troops undertook an offensive action side-by-side under the command of iconic Australian General John Monash.

Since this time, the mateship between Australians and Americans has been on display in an increasing range of sectors. From the creative arts, to education, trade and investment and, of course, science and medical research, Australians and Americans stand side-by-side every day, working together to ensure a more prosperous and stable future for Australia, the United States and the world beyond. The bilateral relationship remains complex, extensive and central to Australia's future into the 21st century.



9am – 9.45am

The future of Health Care - Setting the scene

Dr Dilip Dhupelia, President, AMA Queensland

The session will set the scene for an exciting week of conference topics. The conference theme of the *Future of Health Care* is not only an appropriate and current discussion topic, but it will also provide an opportunity to hear from leading experts from Queensland as well as from USA.

There is no doubt that the *Future of Health Care* will look very different to today. There will be a change of focus from care that can be provided by doctors to the care that is expected by a very learned community, that is, care that will be patient centered. Will hospitals still be the place to deliver care other than Intensive care, surgery and serious emergencies? Or will state-of-the-art integrated and holistic care be able to be provided in the patient's own home? As the baby boomers of today age, there are already strong signs of an expectation of shift from waiting to get ill and treating illness, to a drive towards staying healthy.

There is no doubt that care will change from a hands-on delivery method to a vastly different digital platform, innovations that will be explored further by other experts at the conference. Gone will be the days of individual practitioners delivering care. It will be and has to be team based. What would that look like?

Technology will allow us to provide best practice care that is available internationally, and not just what is available locally.

- ✦ What might this look like and how will this be achieved?
- ✦ How will international health delivery partnerships be achieved?
- ✦ How will our privacy be secured as we move into the digital world?

As we collect more and more meaningful data, what will it tell us and how will it change the way governments fund health care? Will fee-for-service for delivery of medical activity still be the appropriate way, or will we be funded in the future by delivery of quality care based on demonstrable clinical outcomes?

These are rapidly changing, yet challenging times as the digital world changes the way we think, the way we deliver care and how we deliver care. This session will set the scene for the futuristic theme for the week ahead and hopefully, by the end of the conference, we will transform from current state thinking to future state thinking.

9.45am – 10.30am

Reengineering hospital care to improve patient outcomes

Professor Richard Milani, MD, Chief Clinical Transformation Officer, Ochsner Health System

Circadian rhythms are endogenous 24-hour oscillations in biologic processes that drive nearly all physiologic and behavioral functions. Disruption in circadian rhythms can adversely impact short and long-term health outcomes. Routine hospital care often causes significant disruption in sleep-wake patterns that is further compounded by loss of personal control of health information and health decisions.

We will review the consequences of these issues on inpatient care. We will also describe the impact of new technology combined with modest changes in the environment of care that mitigates hospital toxicity leading to improved patient outcomes.

10.30am – 11am

Morning Tea

11am – 11.40am

The future of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Dr Todd Burstain, Chief Medical Information Officer, Ochsner Health System

The future of the EHR will revolve around five principles. Listed in order of most to least likely to succeed they are:

1. Volume to value shift in care;
2. 7th stage evolution of EHR functionality;
3. Dissolution of the encounter wall;
4. Semantic interoperability; and
5. Platform independence.

Tomorrow's EHR will need to support inherently, the tools needed to provide care in a value model. From patient portals, to population health, to provider dashboards, the data rich world of value based care is dependent on a highly developed and front line facing EHR. As EHRs develop, their functionality evolves along a seven step path. We are currently between stages four and five and need to push forward on this path.

The concept of care being confined to an encounter is dissolving. In the value world, preserving health is a 24 hour a day, seven day a week reality. Garbage in leads to garbage out. We need to share and understand the rich data that exists in multiple platforms by finally solving the thorny issue of semantic interoperability. Once this is done we can move towards platform independence. This will face many industry created roadblocks, but just like we no longer use just Netscape to access the internet, the future must allow patients open access to their records on any platform they choose.

11.40am – 12.20pm

Advances in 3D printing and how this technology is reshaping complex surgery

Dr Korok Sarkar, Senior Neurologist, Ochsner Health System

Ochsner's 3D lab began with the goal of improving access to medical data for medical trainees, clinicians and patients. We leverage multiple platforms like additive manufacturing and immersive technologies to facilitate patient education, enhance medical training and improve clinical care delivery.

Immersive technologies offer the benefit of allowing for rapid and lean development in life science where innovation is traditionally slow and capital intensive. With the support of Innovation Ochsner and our local Virtual and Augmented Reality eco-system, New Orleans is quickly becoming a leader in medical simulation, modeling, and additive manufacturing.

12.20pm – 1pm

Opportunities for the intersection of technology and medicine

Dr Michael Bonning, Senior Director of Medical Affairs, DermaSensor Medical Device Company, New York City

Technology has always been a significant enabler of what doctors can achieve in the service of their patients. Today, understanding the technology being applied to healthcare is more fundamental to clinical practice than ever before.

From artificial intelligence (AI) to proteomics, to stem cell therapies to robotics, are bringing once unthought of assistance to patients. These developments are likely to fundamentally transform the delivery of healthcare within the next ten years. These transformations are now powered by entrepreneurs and large corporations as much as they are by clinician scientists. It is important that doctors remain at the centre of determining the course of new discovery to ensure that patients are protected from unintended consequences and from our technological reach stretching beyond our ethical grasp.

This presentation will look at some key technological developments that intersect, or could potentially intersect with medicine and examine their technical potential, their clinical utility and their ethical purpose. Moreover it will look at how clinicians can actively engage to shape the development of technology that will positively affect patients. In doing so, there is significant potential to address the quadruple aim of reducing costs, improving outcomes, enhancing the patient experience as well as improving the work satisfaction of health care providers.

Tuesday 25 September 2018

Chair: Dr Dilip Dhupelia, President, AMA Queensland

8.30am – 9am

Welcome to New Orleans: history, customs, culture

Frank Perez, Historian, Tour Guide, Public Speaker and Writer, New Orleans

9am – 9.45am

Connected Health - An emerging model of maternity care

Associate Professor Rajiv Gala, Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ochsner Health System

Dr Jody Morris, Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ochsner Clinic Foundation

At Ochsner Health System, we have leveraged our electronic health record platform to help us support women over the course of their pregnancy using a new digital medicine program called Connected MOM.

Connected MOM stands for Connected Maternity Online Monitoring and is offered free to all our low risk patients. Our patients digitally send weights, blood pressure readings and urine protein test results to their entire medical team from the comfort of their home without needing to schedule an appointment. These data are stored in the medical record for future reference.

The other unique aspect of the program is the team that works with these digital data to help ensure the patient remains healthy throughout her pregnancy. Each patient is assigned a dedicated health coach who will continuously monitor the at-home weights and reach out if there are any issues that begin to arise. This coach will call the first week into the program to introduce themselves and answer questions they may have about the program.

The other critical member of the team is the obstetrician who has a master dashboard to monitor patients between prenatal care visits. The program has allowed us to identify women who are developing pre-eclampsia one to two weeks before we would have otherwise caught them.

The next phase of our program is to offer this monitoring to our high-risk patients with chronic hypertension and pre-existing diabetes.

9.45am – 10.30am

Artificial intelligence in healthcare

Jonathan Gordon, Director, NYP Ventures, New York Presbyterian Hospital

Artificial intelligence is a term that can be used to encompass a number of technologies: data analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI). Taken together, these technologies encompass the process by which a computer gathers information, analyses it, and makes a decision – mimicking the human process of cognition. While there have been a number of hype and disappointment cycles in AI, this time is different – as increased computing power and the creation of vast amounts of structured data mean that usable AI models can be trained and implemented with relative ease. The result has been an explosion in real applications and investments in artificial intelligence.

The use of artificial intelligence to healthcare offers enormous promise – but that promise also carries certain risks. This presentation will provide a brief introduction to artificial intelligence, followed by a discussion of the current clinical and operational applications of AI in healthcare. We will also look at how AI will shape the future of healthcare, while taking into account workforce implications and the risk of unintended biases.

10.30am – 11am

Morning Tea

11am – 11.40am

Health and general practice as a good investment

Dr Michael Bonning, Senior Director of Medical Affairs, DermaSensor Medical Device Company, New York City

The approach to healthcare that has served the world for the last 100 years, the progression to sub-specialisation in hospital settings, is faltering and is actively limiting the ability of health systems to adequately deliver care to their citizens.

Sir Michael Marmot and others have recently shown a significant slowdown in life expectancy gains and with it quality of life affecting countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Most notable has been the fall in life expectancy among white males in the United States but changes have also been seen in the UK. This occurs while countries, such as those in Scandinavia are seeing accelerating quality of life improvements. This lays the framework for firstly discussing the economic and social benefits of cohesive, constructive health policy and secondly how to achieve that through a healthcare system that emphasises primary care.

A multitude of studies across high, medium and low income countries indicates that better preventive services, ease of access, and reduced cost are fundamental outcomes of a strong primary care system. In systems where at least 50-60 per cent of the practitioners are primary care doctors health outcomes are better, there are fewer medical mistakes, patients are happier and costs are lower.

Australia has a world-leading healthcare system, that delivers excellent outcomes for most and the cornerstone for that success was the predominance of the GP. GPs however represent a shrinking proportion of the medical workforce. The shortage of primary care doctors requires a re-examination of what improves health for all, lest we follow the recent example of the United States and the UK, and how to implement a strategy that delivers greater value and outcomes.

11.40am – 12.20pm

The future of forensic medicine

Dr Anthea Woodcock, Clinical and Forensic Medicine Unit, Brisbane

Forensic medicine represents the nexus between law and medicine, collating medical experience and forensic sciences within the legal setting. Although recognised through the annals of history, it is only in recent decades that forensic medicine has begun to carve a distinct niche within the medical specialty body.

While it is an exciting time for forensics, a number of challenges lie ahead. Service delivery models vary widely between jurisdictions and while a formalised training pathway is being rolled out, it is currently in its infancy. Success is predicated on establishing a skill base, which can safely apply emerging technologies in a rapidly changing scientific landscape. Substantial opportunities for research exist to support this growth process.

12.20pm – 1pm

The rise of robotics in medicine

Associate Professor George Chimento, MD, System Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery, Ochsner Health System

Robotic assisted surgery is now available to use during orthopedic and spine procedures. This session will review the history of the use of robotics in orthopaedic surgery and discuss the current role for robotics in orthopaedic surgery.

At first robotics facilitated surgeries by making them more precise, now we see robotics allowing surgeons to do procedures they could not have done before. The different types of robotics including passive, semi-active, and active will be discussed.

Specifically, the use of robotics in hip and knee replacement will be reviewed. This will include safety, clinical results, economics, advantages and disadvantages. In addition to reviewing the evidence for the use of robotics, Dr.Chimento will provide input from his personal experience with robotics in his surgical practice. Finally, Dr Chimento will discuss the future of robotics from a clinical and economic standpoint.



Thursday 27 September 2018

Chair: Dr Dilip Dhupelia, President, AMA Queensland

8.30am – 9am

Leadership - One is a lonely number

Jane Schmitt, Chief Executive Officer, AMA Queensland

Jane will speak about the challenges of leadership in today's fast paced environment in which change is perpetual. She will look at how connection is the key to leadership, the importance to communicate and engage and create a trusted network. She will explain that loneliness is a common feeling among leaders and provide tips to recognise and deal with such circumstances. "Connection is the vaccine against loneliness as a leader".

9am – 9.45am

Training the physicians of the future

Associate Professor Leo Seoane, MD, FACP, Head of School, UQ Ochsner Medical School

Healthcare in the US is a dynamic landscape which is experiencing an increased pace of change. However, the training of physicians has not changed since Abraham Flexner's recommendations over a century ago. The trans-Pacific cross-cultural collaboration between the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia, and the Ochsner Health System (OHS) in New Orleans, USA, utilises a unique partnership to train the next generation of physicians with a global perspective of different health care systems to be future leaders in medicine.

This lecture will describe the trans-Pacific partnership between UQ and Ochsner, programmatic design, challenges faced and overcome, as well as outcomes. Students complete their first two years at UQ School of Medicine and their third and fourth clinical years at the UQ-Ochsner Health System where they are trained by UQ-Ochsner Medical School academic faculty in their clinical rotations.

The partnership trains students in two different educational, social and cultural environments, and health care systems, providing graduates with a unique yet broad perspective on health care needs. The partnership is mutually beneficial by creating cross-cultural experiences, enhanced skill sets, and expanded professional networks for domestic and international UQ students, medical educators and research collaborators.

9.45am – 10.30am

The future of cardiology

Dr Debora Garcia Alonso, Cardiologist, Rockhampton, Queensland

While we won't likely survive this Earth, and 50 per cent of us will still likely die of cardiovascular disease, the cardiology of the future will emphasise preventative, efficient, radiation free, patient-focused and almost risk-free cardiology care across our patients.

Analytics software, combined with artificial intelligence will allow us to analyse massive databases. This will enable population health initiatives to identify high risk patients for screening programs and prospective outreach for check up appointments.

There is a large trend also towards Ubersonation of medicine that will obviously impact cardiology, where traditional working hours and care models will likely rapidly change to better match the digital interface and delivery of service models, allowing to fulfil the hunger of our patients for the delivery of immediate results, using digital patient portals that will integrate with PACS or CVIS (cardiovascular information systems) and laboratory reporting systems, that will allow the patients to use their own smartphone diagnostic tools to organise an appointment that can be provided by telehealth, improving patient satisfaction and compliance.

Healthcare reforms to convert the actual inefficient fee for service model will likely be replaced, especially in cardiology, where tests and procedures are expensive, to a fee for value, again emphasising preventative cardiology, as well as adopting a clinical decision support software to red flag decisions that do not match appropriate use guidelines of highlight procedures that might harm the patient.

Strictly referring to the future of the delivery of cardiology, I foresee a much greater use of 3D advanced visualisation, including fully automated 3D reconstructions that will be accessible to GPs and patients, as well as other treating doctors.

10.30am – 11am
Morning Tea

11am – 11.40am

Exploring trends of consumerism in medicine (Values based health care economics)

Dr Dana H. Smetherman, MD, Chair, Department of Radiology, Ochsner Medical Center - New Orleans; Section Head Breast Imaging, Ochsner Health System; Associate Medical Director, Hospital Based Service Lines; and Medical Director, Ochsner Lake Charles Region

This presentation will discuss the payment policy for health care in the US, in particular:

- ✿ review the basics of payment policy for health care services in the United States;
- ✿ provide an overview of current CPT codes and reimbursement for common imaging procedures;
- ✿ examine the challenges for reimbursement of medical imaging procedures; and
- ✿ discuss possible future directions for payment policy of imaging procedures.

11.40am – 12.20pm

Delivery of healthcare in the future - patient experience vs patient engagement

Colleen Sullivan, OAM, Practice Manager, Brisbane

Patient expectations are changing. With new approaches to how we engage with our patients and the use of technology to connect, we have the ability to transform the whole patient experience with better outcomes for all.

In this session, we will explore what is driving the change in patient expectations, the practical reasons to focus on the patient experience and how to take advantage of technology and digital resources to be prepared for the future delivery of healthcare.

Objectives:

- ✿ understand what patient experience and patient engagement is now and in the future;
- ✿ recognise the significance of positive patient experience for both the patient outcomes and the practice;
- ✿ demonstrate best practice to engage patient involvement and staff in creating positive patient experiences; and
- ✿ explore the opportunities to use the latest technology and digital resources to open connectivity and patient interaction with the provider and the practice for better patient outcomes.

12.20pm – 1pm

Obesity – A global problem

Dr Gabriel Uwaifo, Senior Clinical Research Scientist and Endocrinologist, Ochsner Diabetes and Weight Management Clinical Research Institute

Obesity is a very prevalent problem in clinical medicine and complicates the management of virtually all other clinical entities when present. The management of obesity is difficult, complex and often frustrating and fraught with failure.

The mindset of the clinician to approaching this problem is central to either success or failure in its clinical management. Whether obesity is viewed as a cosmetic problem, a moral failing resulting from lack of impulse control and personal discipline or a bonafide disease and/or clinical syndrome makes a huge difference in the approach the clinician takes to the patient with this problem.

This presentation uses the backdrop of three short cases and discussion of several aspects of the etiopathogenesis and endocrine underpinnings of obesity to argue that obesity is in fact both a complex disease state and multi faceted clinical syndrome. The consequent implications of this to the practicing clinician are then briefly highlighted.

A suggested nuanced, problem finding and root cause analysis based approach to the evaluation of the patient with obesity is thus advocated as is the central place for a co-ordinated multi disciplinary approach for best practices and desired outcome.



Friday 28 September 2018

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8.30am – 9am

Joining up medical education and training in pursuit of rural medical workforce excellence: the Queensland way!

Dr Dilip Dhupelia, President, AMA Queensland

Creating a sustainable rural medical workforce is a challenge that is experienced throughout Australia. We are all focusing on supporting doctors into rural practice and dealing with known health service challenges, including where there is insufficient access to medical care. It is a long road much like the long paddock that historically saved many a rural town in times of drought and hardship.

Joining up our training pathway to produce the Queensland Rural Generalist Program has greatly contributed to restoring and sustaining our rural medical services. However, since the maturation of the vocational pathway, we have continued to join up our program - moving beyond a workforce approach into a joined up accredited medical education curriculum and training pathway operating from internship, through to junior doctor training, and on to vocational qualification through an Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine or Royal Australian College of General Practitioners end point. In addition, we have recently introduced the option of completing the Rural Generalist Leader Program resulting in an end point of an Associate Fellowship of Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators.

This integrated joining up of medical education relies on the leadership and cooperation of colleges, governments and service providers to follow our rural heritage and values that led to the long paddock across Australia - one that is still used today!

9am – 9.45am

From the cockpit to the operating theatre - how to empower your staff

Anna Mackintosh, Airline Pilot and Training Facilitator, Virgin Australia Airlines

In the past, there have been multiple examples of aviation accidents which occurred, in part, due to a highly skilled, highly trained professional identifying a safety risk but being unable or unwilling to speak up to a person who could take action against the threat. Aviation learnings are written in blood, and the industry has endeavoured for 40 years to prevent mistakes from being repeated, and new threats being mitigated. In the modern age, it is not due to equipment failure that accidents occur, but more often through human error. The study of human factors and non technical skills has served to reduce incidents and accidents by training airline crew to identify and mitigate risk, enhance their teamworking skills and empowering crew to speak up in a timely and professional manner when safety becomes a concern.

The medical profession is also a high risk environment. Today we ask if the medical profession can benefit from the efforts of the aviation industry in the arena of human factors awareness and non technical skills training, in particular how to empower your team members at all levels to speak up in a timely and professional manner when safety becomes a concern.

9.45am – 10.30am

Medical profession advocacy activities - a discussion

Dr William McDade, MD, PhD. Board Member, American Medical Association and **Dr Dilip Dhupelia**, President, AMA Queensland

- ✿ Physician burnout;
- ✿ AMA advocacy in Australia and the US; and
- ✿ Changing landscape of health care in the US and Australia.

10.30am – 11am

Morning Tea

11am – 1pm

Open forum

Chair: **Dr Dilip Dhupelia**, President, AMA Queensland



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Biographies



Dr Debora Garcia Alonso

Cardiologist, Rockhampton, Queensland

Dr Debora Garcia Alonso studied Medicine at the University of Salamanca Medical School, finishing up in 1994. She worked as a Junior Research Technician at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota from 1995 until 1998, intermittently while still completing her medical degree, and achieved a PhD in Genetics of cancer at the University of Salamanca Medical School in 1998.

She then finished advanced training in cardiology in 1999 at the University Hospital of Valdecilla in Santander in 1999. Then followed a Nuclear Cardiology Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC in 1999.

Dr Alonso worked at the University Hospital of Leon from 1999 until 2007. Being granted a permanent position as senior Cardiologist at the University Hospital of Leon, after a national examination in 2004.

Other appointments have included:

- ✿ Associate Professor at the University of Valladolid from 2013 until 2007;
- ✿ Director of Cardiology of the Rockhampton Base Hospital from 2007 until 2013; and
- ✿ Senior Lecturer for the University of Queensland from 2007 until 2013.

Dr Alonso is currently Director of her own practice of Cardiology at the Mater Hospital Rockhampton since 2013, and employs five cardiologists. Dr Alonso is also a senior lecturer for James Cook University GP training program.



Dr Michael Bonning

Senior Director of Medical Affairs,
Derma Sensor Medical Device Company,
New York City

Dr Michael Bonning is a general practitioner with interest in advocacy, wilderness medicine, and medical technology. He currently splits his time between Sydney (where he is Head Doctor for Inspired Adventures and a board member of GP Synergy, AMA New South Wales, and the Doctor Health Service Pty Ltd) and New York (where he is Head of Medical Affairs for DermaSensor - a medical device company).

Dr Bonning served for 12 years in the Royal Australian Navy, with multiple deployments to Asia and the Middle East. He was formerly Chair of the AMA Council of Doctors in Training and AMSA President.



Dr Todd Burstain

Chief Medical Information Officer,
Ochsner Health System

Dr Todd Burstain earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice University in Houston, Texas and went on to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center located in Dallas, Texas. He then completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Duke University. Dr Burstain has practiced in North Carolina, San Diego, and Iowa, where he held a faculty position at the University of Iowa for 15 years, attaining the rank of Clinical Professor of Medicine.

His medical expertise is in medical informatics, electronic health records, and the medical treatment of obesity. As Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Dr Burstain focuses on the physician adoption and optimisation of Epic, system-based clinical workflows and all other physician-related activities with regard to the use of digital systems.

As Chief Medical Information Officer, Dr Burstain leads the development and continuous improvement of physician metrics, developing the physician training programs and coordinating all aspects of programs associated with physician leadership. His clinical activity focuses on supporting the Internal Medicine Residency Clinic at Main Campus.



Associate Professor George Chimento MD

System Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery,
Ochsner Health System

Associate Professor George Chimento is the Department Chairman of Orthopaedics at Ochsner. He is consistently listed as one of the *Best Doctors in America* and has been recognised by US News and World Report as one of the top orthopaedic surgeons in America. His practice focuses on primary and revision hip and knee replacement surgery. Special areas of interest include less invasive surgical techniques, partial knee replacement surgery, and complex reconstructive cases. He currently performs robotically assisted hip and knee replacement surgery, which is at the forefront of current technology.

Associate Professor Chimento graduated with honours from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1990. He then completed his internship and residency at Tulane University Medical Center. Following residency, he served four years in the US Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, where he was Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his contribution to the Air Force personnel at Barksdale. Upon completion of his Air Force commitment, Associate Professor Chimento became a fellow at the prestigious Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Associate Professor Chimento has published articles and given several national and international presentations regarding hip and knee replacement surgery. His major research interests are focused on decreasing the need for blood transfusions and medical complications following joint replacement surgery. Associate Professor Chimento is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Professional society memberships include the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, Mid-America Orthopaedic Society, Greater New Orleans Orthopedic Society, and the Louisiana Orthopedic Association.

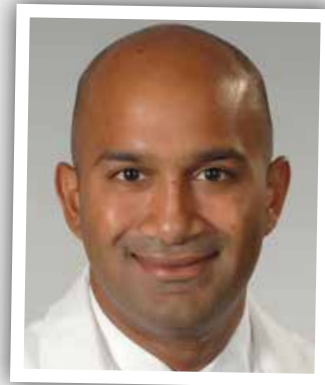
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Dr Dilip Dhupelia
President, AMA Queensland

Trained in Dublin, Ireland, **Dr Dilip Dhupelia** immigrated to Queensland as a Resident at Toowoomba Base Hospital and subsequently Medical Superintendent at Millmerran (1978-1982) and then practised in Toowoomba (1982-2005) as a Rural Generalist Obstetrician. He served as Toowoomba Local Medical Association President, GP Connections Chair (Toowoomba Division of General Practice) and Chair of CheckUP Australia. From 2006-2010, Dr Dhupelia was Senior Medical Advisor for Medicare Australia, Health Advisory Branch. Since 2010, Dr Dhupelia works at Queensland Health as well as working as a part time general practitioner.

Dr Dhupelia is Clinical Director of Queensland Country Practice, Rural and Remote Medical Support Services within the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service; part-time general practitioner in Toowong, Brisbane; Board Director of General Practice Training Queensland; Member of the Clinical Advisory Group of Brisbane North Primary Health Network. His AMA Queensland roles include Board Director, Councillor; Chair of Governance; and Member of the AMA Queensland Council of General Practice. His federal roles include Member of the AMA Council of General Practice and Member of the AMA Council of Rural Doctors.



Associate Professor Rajiv Gala
Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ochsner Health System

Associate Professor Rajiv Gala earned his medical degree from The University of Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham in 2000. He then went on to complete his residency training with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was honored with the title of Administrative Chief Resident and received the Organon Resident Research Award for Outstanding Research in Women's Health in 2004. After completing his training, he joined the faculty at The University of Texas Southwestern Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and served as the Lead Gynecologist at Parkland Memorial Hospital prior to joining staff at Ochsner Health Systems.

He has been very involved with the American College Of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (ACOG) where he served as the National Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council Chair from 2007 to 2008. He has also served on three national committees including Government Relations, ACOG/ABOG Committee, and on the Grievance Committee. Dr Gala is dedicated to resident education and specifically the use of simulation to improve clinical competence and patient safety. Dr Gala is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and provides care to all low/moderate risk obstetric patients as well the full spectrum of gynecologic care. Dr Gala has a special interest in minimally invasive gynaecologic procedures.



Jonathan Gordon

Director, NYP Ventures,
New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Jonathan Gordon is Director of NYP Ventures, the strategic venture capital arm of New York-Presbyterian, where he is responsible for managing the hospital's venture investment fund, building strategic partnerships and managing the hospital's IP portfolio. Previously, Jon was a Director in the Hospital's Office of Strategy, where he worked on projects ranging from launching the hospital's Medicare accountable care organisation to building a telehealth program. Jon is also Director of the Health Policy Center at New York-Presbyterian, which advocates for the role of Academic Health Centers in developing solutions for the American healthcare system.

Jon serves on faculty at Weill Cornell Medicine, and teaches about healthcare transformation. Prior to joining NYP, Jon helped found and served as Chief Operating Officer of EveryDay Medical, an e-commerce-based provider of durable medical equipment. Jon is a mentor for the German Accelerator and Blueprint Health incubator, a board member for New York City Economic Development Corporation's Digital Health Breakthrough Network and a Director of Costs of Care, a not-for-profit dedicated to increasing cost awareness among clinicians. Jon holds a BA cum laude from Princeton University and an MBA with honours from Columbia Business School.



The Honourable Joe Hockey

Australian Ambassador to the US

The Honourable Joe Hockey is Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America, taking up his posting in Washington in January 2016.

Ambassador Hockey has had a long and distinguished career in public service. He first entered Parliament in 1996 as the Member for North Sydney and spent more than seventeen years on the front bench.

Ambassador Hockey served as a Minister in a number of different portfolios including Financial Services, Small Business and Tourism, Human Services and Employment and Workplace Relations.

In 2013 Ambassador Hockey was appointed Treasurer of the Commonwealth and was responsible for all economic policy including fiscal policy. He served as Chair of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in 2014 and a member of the leadership troika in 2015. As Treasurer he was a regular delegate to International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings.

Previously Ambassador Hockey served as a banking and finance lawyer with a major Australian law firm. He graduated from the University of Sydney with Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law.

Biographies



Professor Richard Milani MD

Chief Clinical Transformation Officer,
Ochsner Health System

Professor Richard Milani brings a unique level of innovation and expertise to his role as Chief Clinical Transformation Officer for Ochsner Health System. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Department of Cardiology, Professor of Medicine at Ochsner Clinical School – The University of Queensland School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana.

His background and research focuses on population health with a special interest in chronic disease and medical informatics. He serves as the Medical Director of Innovation Ochsner (iO), a health innovation accelerator that is a subsidiary of the Ochsner Health System.

After receiving his Internal Medicine training at the University of Florida Professor Milani completed fellowships in Critical Care Medicine at the University of Florida, Preventive Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology at Harvard University (Massachusetts General Hospital), and Cardiovascular Diseases at Ochsner Clinic Foundation.

He has authored over 500 medical publications and serves as a frequent lecturer for healthcare systems and Fortune 500 companies. Additionally he is a reviewer for several medical journals, and is the author of an upcoming book, *Death and Dollars: Solving the Epidemic of Chronic Disease*.



Anna Mackintosh

Airline Pilot and Training Facilitator,
Virgin Australia Airlines

Anna Mackintosh is a pilot and senior non technical skills instructor for Virgin Australia Airlines. She has been with the airline for 10 years, and in the aviation industry for almost 20. Anna is a passionate instructor and is also involved in training, mentoring and assessing new instructors for the airline, as well as writing course material for both initial and recurrent courses.

Anna has a Bachelor of Aviation degree from Griffith University, regularly attends conferences focusing on crew resource management/non technical skills, and intends to begin a Masters in Aviation Human Factors in 2019.



Dr Bill McDade MD PhD

Member, Board of Trustees,
American Medical Association

Dr Bill A. McDade, a board-certified anesthesiologist, was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in June 2016.

Dr McDade has been active in the AMA since medical school when he served as the chair of the AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council. Since then he has served in multiple capacities, including as chair of the AMA Minority Affairs Consortium, as a member of both the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and the AMA Young Physicians Section, as a delegate representing the American Society of Anesthesiologists in the AMA House of Delegates and as chair of the AMA Council on Medical Education.

He currently serves the AMA as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission.

Dr McDade has held numerous leadership roles at the state and local levels. He is a Past President and past Board of Trustees Chair of the Illinois State Medical Society and the Chicago Medical Society. A recipient of the 2012 Chicago Medical Society *Physician of the Year Award*, Dr McDade was named a senior scholar at the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence in 2013, and, in 2016, recognised by the University of Chicago Alumni Association for Distinguished Service.

Dr McDade received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from DePaul University, his PhD in biophysics and theoretical biology from the University of Chicago, and his medical degree from Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program. He completed his internship in internal medicine at the University of Chicago and residency training in anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha, Dr McDade's clinical care and research focuses primarily on clinical anaesthesiology and the treatment of sickle cell disease.



Dr Jody Morris IV

Chair, Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology, Ochsner Clinic Foundation

Dr Jody Morris IV is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a Fellow in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He earned his medical degree in 1995 from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed his residency training in 1999 from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. Dr Morris IV is a member of several professional societies and has lectured numerous times within the community on women's health issues.

His interests include routine obstetric care and advanced gynaecologic surgery. He has special interest and expertise in advanced hysteroscopic and laparoscopic surgery, including da vinci robotic hysterectomy, total laparoscopic hysterectomy, laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy, laparoscopic adnexal surgery, hysteroscopic endometrial ablation, and hysteroscopic resection of fibroids. He is also committed to the advancement of women's health by participating as a principal investigator in clinical research studies.

Biographies



Frank Perez

Historian, tour guide, public speaker and writer, New Orleans

New Orleanians are not your typical Americans and **Frank Perez** is no exception!

Frank Perez, BS, MA, is an historian, tour guide, public speaker, and a writer who lives in the French Quarter of New Orleans. As a local historian and storyteller, he eloquently and humorously explains New Orleans history, architecture, culture and cuisine.

In addition, he writes a column on New Orleans history for *Ambush Magazine*. When not writing, Perez teaches history classes at Delgado Community College.



Dr Korak Sarkar

Senior Neurologist, Ochsner Health System

Dr Korak Sarkar completed his undergraduate education at the Johns Hopkins University where he obtained Bachelor of Science degrees in Applied Mathematics, Biomedical Engineering, and Neurosciences. He earned a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine. He completed a Neurology Residency at the University of California at Davis, in Sacramento, California. This was followed by the completion of a Brain Injury and Medicine Fellowship at Northwestern and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Dr Sarkar is double boarded in Neurology and Brain Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation. He joined the Ochsner Neurosciences Institute in 2015 and is also a Clinical Instructor at the Tulane School of Medicine. His research on traumatic brain injury has been published in peer-reviewed journals and has been awarded the American Academy of Neurology's Founder's Award in Translational Research. He currently serves as a board member for the non-profit Brain Injury Association of Louisiana. Dr Sarkar is the director of M3D Lab.



Jane Schmitt

Chief Executive Officer, AMA Queensland

Jane Schmitt is a lawyer by profession, having worked in private and corporate arenas. Jane's move into executive management has seen her in roles at Australia's largest medical indemnity insurer and Master Builders Australia, before taking on the role of Chief Executive Officer at AMA Queensland.

Her expertise lies in initiating innovative operational and strategic changes to enhance the influence and profile of communities and businesses. Jane is a strategic thinker, a straight talker and contributes vision and enthusiasm, strong leadership skills and business acumen. She is an Australian Institute of Company Directors graduate.



Associate Professor Leo Seoane

Head of School,
UQ Ochsner Medical School

Associate Professor Leo Seoane earned his medical degree from Louisiana State University (LSU) and completed an internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He returned to LSU for his residency, also in Internal Medicine, followed by a Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine fellowship at LSU and a Lung Transplant fellowship at Ochsner. Dr Seoane has been on staff at Ochsner since early 2002.



Dr Dana Smetherman

Associate Medical Director of Hospital Based Service
Lines and Department Chair of Radiology

Dr Dana Smetherman, a New Orleans native, earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard College and completed a combined MD/MPH degree program at Tulane University. She did her radiology residency at Ochsner and was Chief Resident in her senior year. She serves as a Clinical Associate Professor at Tulane University and currently serves as the Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs for the Ochsner Department of Radiology.

Dr Smetherman is an active member of many local and national radiology societies and has held many offices and appointments, including President and Member of the Executive Committee of the Radiological Society of Louisiana, Alternate Councilor to the American College of Radiology, Oral Board Examiner in Breast Imaging for the American Board of Radiology, Clinical Reviewer for Ultrasound Accreditation for the American College of Radiology, chair of the Technical Exhibits Committee at the Radiological Society of North America, and board member for the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

Dr Smetherman has numerous publications and has made many presentations in the areas of breast imaging and ultrasound. Dr Smetherman has been the Section Head for Breast Imaging since 2001.



Colleen Sullivan

Senior Practice Manager

Colleen Sullivan has a background in nursing and is a graduate of the University of Queensland. She has a strong commitment to healthcare practice management and the role of the practice manager. She is passionate about promoting her profession.

She is a presenter and assessor with the University of New England Partnerships Professional Practice Management Program. Colleen is also involved in practice management projects with a number of medical colleges, the AMA and other associations.

Colleen has published two books with Professor Geoffrey Meredith, *Successful Practice Management – Exceeding Patient Expectations* and *Starting Practice: The Essential Handbook*.

For most of her career, Colleen has been actively involved in with Australian Association of Practice Management and held positions of state and national Presidents. She is a Certified Practice Manager, Fellow and Life Member of the association. Colleen is currently a member of the Editorial Committee and the Fellowship Taskforce.

In 2014, Colleen was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, OAM for service to medical administration.

In 2017, Colleen was honoured to be awarded an Associate Member of AMA Queensland.

Biographies



Dr Gabriel Uwaifo

Senior Clinical Research Scientist and
Endocrinologist, Ochsner Diabetes and Weight
Management Clinic Research Institute

Dr Gabriel Uwaifo is a board-certified internist and endocrinologist who completed his undergraduate medical training at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria. He subsequently completed general medicine residency training at the University College Hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria before completing an internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

After serving as a chief resident at the University of Connecticut Health Center, he completed a clinical and research endocrinology and diabetes fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

He worked as a clinical and research endocrinologist with the MedStar Research Institute in Washington DC, and as a clinical endocrine attending at the Washington Hospital Center and the Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington DC, before working in a similar capacity at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

He currently sees patients in the domains of endocrinology, diabetes, metabolism and medical weight management at the Ochsner Health Center - Slidell and also does clinical research and clinical trials at the Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans.

He is a member of the following professional organisations; American College of Physicians-Internal Medicine, American Medical Association, American Diabetes Association, The Endocrine Society, American Society of hypertension and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.



Dr Anthea Wookcock

Clinical and Forensic Medicine Unit,
Brisbane

Since completing her MBBS from the University of Queensland in 1994, **Dr Anthea Woodcock** worked predominantly in acute care and in rural settings. To further an ongoing interest in legal medicine she completed a Masters of Health and Medical Law from Melbourne University in 2007. Dr Woodcock is approaching the completion of undergraduate law in 2019, and have completed all the requirements for a Fellowship from Australasian College of Legal Medicine (to be awarded in October). She currently works as a Forensic Medical Officer at the Clinical and Forensic Medicine Unit in Brisbane.

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