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### Spring 2015

#### **General Practitioners:**

**Dr Nindhi Ahilan** MBBS (NSW), FRACGP

**Dr Maria Dias**MBBS (NSW), FRACGP

**Dr Susan Budic**MBBS , FRACGP **Dr Jeremy Nguyen**MBBS (NSW),RANZCOG
FRACGP

Dr Marek Steiner MBBS (Syd), FRACGP Dr Ying Shi Zhou MBBS (NU)

### **Specialist Paediatrician:**

**Dr Tony Liu** MBBS (Syd), FRACP

### **Aviation Medicine:**

**Dr Simon May**MB CHB (Manch)

Practice Manager: Mrs Kes Steiner BEng(Civil), MBA

### **Opening Hours:**

Mon&Tues 8am—6.30pm
Wed & Fri 8am—6pm
Thurs 8am—6pm
Sat 8am—12.30pm
Sun & PH closed

AFTER HOURS BULK BILLED HOME VISITS tel 13 74 25 (Home Drs) tel 8724 6300 (Syd Med Service)

In an emergency call 000 GP after-hours hotline: 1800 022 222

# Our new GP—Dr Ying Shi Zhou

Dr Ying completed her Medicine degree at the University of Newcastle. She has worked at Concord, Canterbury and Broken Hill Hospitals and at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She has also spent 6months working as a Rehabilitation registrar at Eastern Suburbs Private hospital, working in rehabilitation and aged care. Dr Ying has a broad experience in all aspects of medicine and enjoys the holistic care that general practice brings. In general practice she has worked in various locations in Sydney including Penshurst, Campbelltown and Leichhardt. Currently she is working part time at Family Planning NSW in Penrith developing special skills in womens reproductive & sexual health. She is an accredited provider of antenatal shared care with Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She is fluent in Cantonese.

### How does Medicare work?

Our GPs chose to bulk bill all patients with a valid Medicare/DVA card (Mon-Fri). This means that they accept a rebate from Medicare that the patient signs over to the doctor following the consultation by signing a voucher. The same applies to allied health providers such as podiatrists or psychologists—when they bulk bill you it means that they accept just the rebate Medicare pays for a consultation.

All taxpayers pay a Medicare levy that contributes towards health care costs, including Medicare rebates. So bulk billing does not mean that the consultation is free. Normally costs of services are adjusted by CPI every year to cater for inflation. However, the Government has frozen Medicare rebates for the next 4 years. This means that bulk billing health care providers are paid less for the same amount of work yet practice administrative costs continue to rise.

Our GPs privately charge for consultations on Saturdays, except for children up to 15yrs old. This is simply to cover the administrative cost of being open on a Saturday. Workers covered by an Award receive a penalty rate of 1.5 times the standard rate for working on Saturday. Medicare rebates do not follow that rule.

Dr Nindhi Ahilan is back from maternity leave. She sees patients on Saturday mornings and will increase her hours in 2016.



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Allied Health

By Appointment:

Podiatrist:

**Mr Marco Mangano**DipHScPod

**Psychologists:** 

**Ms Derya Guzel** BAPsych, MPsych

Mrs Anne Ward BSocScPsych, GDPsych

Dietitian:

**Ms Jutta Wright**APD, MAppSc, MNutDiet

Acupuncture / Remedial Massage

Ms Jennifer Raicevich BHSc(ChMed), DipRM

Exercise Physiologist: Ms Katie Ellem

BAppSc(ExSS), DipRM

Laverty Pathology
Collection Centre
Onsite—level 1
No appointment required

**Pathology Hours:** 

Mon – Fri 8.00am—4.00pm Sat 8.00am-11am

MedPlaza

is an accredited <u>Yellow</u>
<u>Fever Vaccination clinic</u>
and provides full service
travel medicine advice.

## Free App to access Medicare

For those that need a new Medicare card (eg newborn babies), this is a quick and easy way to contact Medicare without having to go to one of their offices.

**Express Plus Medicare** is an application you can download to your iPhone, iPad, iPod or Android. It allows you to make a claim, view child immunization history, or safety net status. Most importantly it allows you to apply for a new or replacement card. This application can be downloaded for free from Applestore or Googleplay.

Source: Australian Doctor 26 Jun 2015 edition

# **Booking appointments**

If you experience difficulties in booking appointments with your treating GP please try to see any available GP on the day. We endeavor to meet the needs of all our patients.

When you need to see your GP urgently on the day please mention that to our receptionist. Our receptionists are trained in triaging patients. They will always try to help you out. You can also talk with our nurse if you need advice or reassurance.

It is our policy to fit in sick children and patients with emergencies on the day. This means that patients with appointments may have to wait longer than expected.

If you can't get in to see a GP on the day please try our after hours doctors. Home Doctors (13 74 25) and Sydney Medical Service (8724 6300) provide bulk billed home visits weekdays from 4pm to 8am the following morning, weekends from 11am on Saturday and throughout public holidays.

In an emergency always call 000 and ask for an ambulance or go to an emergency at a hospital near you.

Nearest hospitals to our practice are:

Concord Hospital for general emergencies—tel 9767 5000

Westmead Childrens Hospital emergency—tel 9845 0000

## Acupuncture relieves hay fever

Australian researchers in Melbourne conducted a randomised study looking at effects of acupuncture (12 sessions over 4 weeks) on seasonal allergic rhinitis. They found that sneezing and itchiness of ears and palate were significantly less, even after 4 weeks after the therapy had finished.

Ms Jennifer Raicevich is an accredited Chinese medicine practitioner specialising in acupuncture.

Source: Medical Observer 26 Jun 2015 edition