



2023 AGM & SYMPOSIUM

Primary healthcare reform – facilitating change across the primary care sector

A symposium on strengthening Medicare, health equity, integration and team-based care



Thurs 2nd Nov
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Join us for the 2023 AGM and Health Professionals Symposium.

Our expert panel will discuss primary care reform, including the Strengthening Medicare initiative (access, integration and coordination), and the importance of multidisciplinary care within primary care. We'll explore how you can embrace the current changes to improve practice and patient outcomes.

- **6:30pm:** Registration, canapes, and trade tables
- **7:00pm:** AGM (live-stream webinar commences)
- **7:30pm:** Presentation and speakers' panel
- **9:00pm:** Close

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise the importance of an integrated system for enhanced primary care
- Explore what the future of primary health care could look like
- Recognise the role of innovation, multidisciplinary care, and prevention within primary care

This is an RACGP-approved CPD activity under the RACGP CPD Program - Activity Number: 59475
Activity Type EA 1.5 hours

[Click here to register to attend in person at The Concourse, Chatswood](#)

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"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." – Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu

THE SPEAKERS

Leanne Wells, MC
Health Policy Consultant



Dr Michael Bonning
President of AMA (NSW)



Dr Daniel Nour
Founder, Street Side Medics



Cathy Baynie
Registered Nurse and Practice Manager



Errol Lim
Physiotherapist



Sana Issa
Pharmacist



Sarah Barter
Consumer Advocate



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Leanne Wells, MC | Leanne Wells is Special Adviser to the Policy, Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement team at 89 Degrees East and Chair of the Expert Consumer and Community Panel at ASPIRE, the Australian Social Prescribing Institute for Research and Education. She has served as a Specialist Adviser and former longstanding CEO of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia, the nation's preeminent peak body for healthcare consumers. Leanne was CEO of national peak and state-based organisations in the primary health sector and a health advocate and senior executive with over thirty years' experience across many health and social policy, program, and service development domains. She is currently Board Director and Chair of the Community Advisory Council at Coordinare, and at the OzHelp Foundation. She has held several Ministerial and government advisory appointments including the Commonwealth's Primary Health Care Advisory Group and the National Preventive Strategy Advisory Committee. Leanne has tertiary qualifications in communications and business and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Institute of Leadership and Management.

Dr Michael Bonning | Dr Michael Bonning is the President of AMA (NSW) and has a wealth of clinical, teaching and medico-political experience. He is a General practitioner in Sydney's Inner West in addition to serving on the Board of AMA (NSW). He was Deputy Chair on the Board of GP Synergy, a Community Panel Member of Ad Standards, the medical advisor for DermaSensor, Adjunct Fellow of Macquarie University, and a non-executive director of Postgraduate Medical Council of Queensland. Dr Bonning was a non-executive Director of BeyondBlue between 2008 – 2014. He served as a medical officer with the Royal Australian Navy and has been involved in fleet operations including border protection, counter terrorism and counter drug smuggling operations in the Middle East, as well as missions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Rim. In addition to being a GP specialist, he is trained in high-altitude physiology, diving medicine, aeromedical evacuation, and emergency management in remote environments. As President of AMA (NSW), his priorities include improving workforce numbers throughout the State to alleviate pressure on public hospitals and address healthcare inequity in rural and regional NSW, actively promoting the value of primary care, which is essential to a cost-effective health system. In addition, he is focused on emerging issues such as impact of technology, the role of private equity, value-based healthcare and overseas organisations taking an interest in Australian healthcare.

Dr Daniel Nour, Founder Street Side Medics and Young Australian of the Year 2022 | Dr Nour is a Junior Doctor, having graduated from James Cook University in 2019. Identifying a gap in the healthcare of vulnerable people in NSW, Dr Daniel Nour founded Street Side Medics in August 2020 – a not-for-profit, GP-led mobile medical service for people experiencing homelessness with a team of 220 volunteers and clinics across NSW. Daniel was awarded 2022 NSW Young Australian of the Year in recognition of his social conscience and commitment to improving the health of those who are homeless and vulnerable. Daniel has worked closely with local health organisations, State and Federal Government. He has a passion for community healthcare and ensuring access to healthcare is optimised for those that are vulnerable and disenfranchised.

Cathy Baynie, Registered Nurse and Practice Manager | Cathy has career-long experience in the health industry, much of this spent in primary health care. Cathy is a Registered Nurse and Certified Practice Manager, having managed both general (multi-disciplinary) and specialist practices. Cathy is the Director of Health Programs, University of New England Partnerships. Other roles include accreditation surveyors and Practice Management Advisor to the NSW Australian Medical Association. Cathy consults nationally to both General and Specialist Practices, is a Fellow of AAPM, and is the immediate past National President. Cathy is a member of the Department of Health Primary Health Reform Steering Group and the Practice Management Advisory Group. She is a firm believer that Practice Managers are key in the development and delivery of strong systems of leadership and management enabling the delivery of quality care in the Australian primary health sector.

Errol Lim, Physiotherapist | Errol has been a Physiotherapist for 25 years. He is co-founder and managing Director of BJC Health, a multidisciplinary rheumatology centre with three clinics in Sydney.

Sana Issa, Pharmacist | With over 35 years of diverse pharmacy experience, Sana Issa is an accomplished pharmacist and business leader. Having owned three community pharmacies for 16 years, Sana has a deep understanding of clinical service delivery within the community pharmacy setting. Currently working as a General Practice Pharmacist and Clinical Governance Manager at the Bennelong Medical Clinic, Sana has been a driving force advocating for GP-Pharmacist collaboration to enhance patient-centred care.

Sarah Barter, Consumer Advocate | Sarah lives in Lane Cove and is mum to two young boys. She is passionate about developing an integrated health and community care system that delivers quality, person-centred care to people across the lifespan. She is an experienced consumer advocate working with Sydney North Health Network Community Council and the Royal North Shore Hospital Consumer Participation Committee. She is also a Non-Executive Director on the Karitane Board. Outside of these roles, Sarah runs an independent consultancy practice, Quality Care Coach, that supports health and aged care providers to develop consumer engagement and clinical governance strategies and plans. She is also a Casual Academic at Western Sydney University.