



Epping Surgery Centre
Christmas Newsletter 2019

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PresMed 2020 Optometrist Conference



We are excited to announce our upcoming [PresMed](#) 2020 Optometrist Conference will be held on Sunday 5 April 2020! The [Presmed](#) Optometrist Conference is a fantastic opportunity to hear from leading Ophthalmologists from [Chatswood Private Hospital](#), [Epping Surgery Centre](#) and [Madison Day Surgery](#) presenting the latest information from their respective specialist fields, while providing a great platform to network and socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment. Optometrists will also have the opportunity to meet their individual clinical practice and Continuing Professional Development requirements. Be sure to save the date! Full speaker program and further details to follow.

ESC Attends Annual ESCRS Conference



In September, Roger Cronin, CEO and Feng Neal, CFO, travelled to Paris to attend the 37th Annual Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS). It was attended by thousands of Ophthalmologists and industry leaders from all over the world. Lasting from the 14th to 18th of September, the conference showcased the latest developments in cataract and refractive surgery.

The highlights of this year's Congress include the Main Symposia, demonstrations from leading technology providers and numerous lectures on emerging developments in Ophthalmology. The conference was an invaluable opportunity for our management team to be abreast of the latest information, trends and technology, bringing wealth of knowledge on ophthalmic care back to Australia. [Click here](#) to read more.

ESC Holds Consumer Engagement Practice Manager's Lunch



On the 11th August, [Epping Surgery Centre](#) and [Madison Day Surgery](#), invited the staff of our surgeon's practices to a lunch, in order to discuss the latest in ophthalmic care delivery.

Taking place at The Intercontinental Hotel's Bridge Room, guests were treated to a buffet lunch and a chance to talk with [Epping Surgery Centre](#) and [Madison Day Surgery's](#) Management and Administration team, regarding updates on recent hospital developments and facilities. The lunch also provided an opportunity to receive feedback from Surgeon consulting rooms, strengthening the quality of care provided to shared patients.

41 people were in attendance, including [PresMed's](#) CEO Roger Cronin, CFO Feng Neal, [Epping Surgery Centre's](#) Director of Nursing, Queenie Leung, [Madison Day Surgery's](#) Facility Manager, Fay Khal and Director of Nursing, Michelle Remington. The lunch served as a fantastic opportunity to bring the Ophthalmic team's together, learn from each other's experiences and increase the level of care offered to patients.

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ESC Celebrates Perioperative Nurses Week 2019



[Epping Surgery Centre](#) celebrated Perioperative Nurses Week on the 7th – 13th October, 2019. Perioperative nurses care for patients before, during and after surgery, in areas such as anaesthetics and recovery. In recognition of the valuable role our perioperative nurses play in delivering quality care to their patients, we celebrated with morning tea and cake. [Epping Surgery Centre](#) would like to thank all of its perioperative nursing staff for their very real contributions and care of their patients' safe perioperative journeys.

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PresMed Australia's 100,000th Surgery

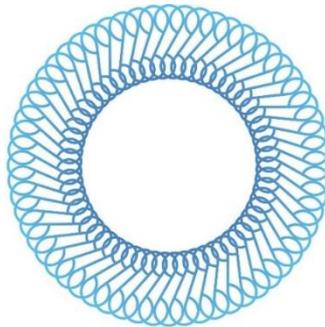


Congratulations to all the staff and management teams at each of the [PresMed Australia Facilities](#) for their contributions to achieving the groups' collective 100,000th Surgery in September, 2019. "100,000 surgeries is a significant achievement for our group", said Mr Marc Resnik, [PresMed's](#) Managing Director, "and underscores our commitment to excellence in day surgery and patient care."

[Chatswood Private Hospital](#) was privileged to host the milestone patient, Mr Giuseppe Roda, who was very pleased to have been selected and commented that he had not won anything like this before. Giuseppe and the team were treated on the day with chocolates and cake to mark the milestone occasion.

[Epping Surgery Centre](#) was established in June 2004 and is a state-of-the-art facility, specialising in a full range of eye procedures. From all of the [PresMed Australia](#) Facilities Management and Staff, we thank all of our patients for being a part of this historic achievement. [Click here](#) to read more.

Optometrist Online



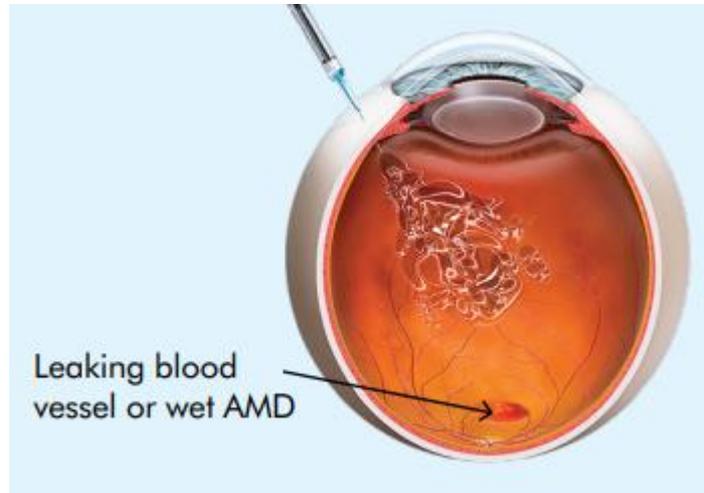
OPTOMETRIST ONLINE

[Optometrist Online](#) is a free website with Optometrist Association Australia (OAA) approved education Modules for Continuing Professional Development Points. Optometrist Online will be adding the following new modules as of the 1st December, 2019:

- What to Consider – Gonioscopy, Anterior Segment, Optic Disk and IOPs
- Cataract Comprehensive with Retina
- Understanding Systemic Diseases
- Surgery Case Studies
- Common Corneal and Anterior Segment Cases
- Practical Guides for Busy Optometric Practices

Earn 2-3 CPD points per module with a mixture of Therapeutic and Non-Therapeutic available. [Click here](#) to register.

Proposed Changes to Eye Injections



You may have heard that the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce for Ophthalmology, has developed a draft report suggesting changes to Medicare rebates for intravitreal eye injections. These injections deliver sight-saving treatments for a range of conditions such as wet age-related macular degeneration and diabetic macular edema.

The Macular Disease Foundation is now seeking feedback on these draft changes. Feedback will be considered by the Taskforce before a final report is submitted to the Government for consideration. The Macular Disease Foundation is looking for patients or carers living with a macular disease, to help us better tell the story to the Government, of what it is like to live with this disease. The Foundation is interested in speaking to anyone who is struggling to pay for their current treatments or has abandoned treatment simply due to cost.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please call the National Helpline on 1800 111 709 or send an email to communications@mdfoundation.com.au

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Featured Doctor

[Dr Rajiv Shah](#)



Dr Shah completed his undergraduate medical degree at the University of Sydney. He undertook specialist ophthalmology training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and at the Sydney Eye Hospital. He obtained his Fellowship in Glaucoma at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London.

Dr Shah has a keen interest in Glaucoma surgery and the role of Cataract surgery in glaucoma. Dr Shah operates privately at [Epping Surgery Centre](#) where he is a board member and on the medical advisory committee. He has public operating rights at St Vincent's and Bankstown Hospitals.

Besides ophthalmology he enjoys spending as much time as possible with his family and travelling. He is a keen golfer and is trying hard to maintain his single figure golf handicap!

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ESC Christmas Closure



Epping Surgery Centre will be closed from Thursday 19th December and re-open on Monday 6th January, 2020. From all of the staff and management at Epping Surgery Centre, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe New Year. We look forward to continuing to service our community in 2020. For more details on the closure and contact numbers, please [click here](#).