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Newsletter from Dr Ceri Goodwin

New Doctors

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Our practice merger is going seamlessly with Dom, Brendan and Margaret settling in to life at Malvern Medical Centre (MMC) without any hitches. I'm not surprised though: the GPs from Colonel Light Medical Centre (CLMC) provide the same personal approach to healthcare that the MMC doctors have long practised.

The former CLMC patients are becoming used to Dom working from his consulting room in the main building on Unley Rd with Brendan and Margaret both working from our renovated Cottage next door on Fairford St. Any concerns regarding parking associated with the merger haven't materialised as there seem to always be spare parks on-site as well as along Fairford St and Unley Rd.

Richard is now used to his new consulting room nearer the back of the main building which offers more space for his skin checks.

Jo has decided to retire from practice completely now and we will miss her female health service. We wish Jo the very best in her retirement.

On the positive side, Caitlin, the two Sarahs (Drs Cunningham and Tolley) and Karen are all well-equipped in the women's health area along with their broad command of all primary health matters.

Our Mission Statement is to offer "A Personal Approach to Healthcare" through individually-directed and high quality care. We are also committed to providing affordable healthcare by offering bulkbilling for all children 15 years and under, Pensioners and Health Care Card Holders. Our doctors may also bulkbill patients experiencing financial hardship or undergoing costly medical treatments. Talk to your doctor about your individual circumstances.

Allied Health

Recent allied health news includes:

- (a) Kate Morton increasing her Psychology sessions for children from 12 years upward along with adults - to complement our other Psychologists, Mark and Sue
- (b) Samir from PhysioXare has joined the team in the Cottage for two sessions each week, Wednesday and Friday afternoons
- (c) Dean Laird, My Hearing, providing his audiology (hearing) service on alternate Tuesday afternoons
- (d) Australian Clinical Labs have increased their weekday hours and are now open to 2.30pm Monday to Friday in lieu of 12.30pm. Their hours on Saturday remain as 9.00am to 12 noon.



"My Health Record"

On the clinical side we are fielding many questions regarding "my health record" and the current opt-out option for patients. After talking to many patients, the decision making about whether to opt-out or opt-in to a central government-based health record system seems to largely involve a balance between the:

- (a) Advantages of all practitioners around Australia potentially checking patients' health details to help with urgent care or when patients travel, versus
- (b) Privacy concerns.

In the end, this is an individual choice and we have seen many patients on each side of this decision making aisle.



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