



Media Release

New Head of MAC at Bethesda Hospital

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2014 brings changes to the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) at Bethesda Hospital in Claremont with the recent appointments of Urologist Dr David Sofield and Gynaecologist Professor Roger Hart as the new chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively.

These new appointments are a result of the retirement of long standing chairman and Plastic Surgeon Mr Alister Turner from the MAC – a position he has held for close to 15 years. Mr Turner will remain in private practice and as a board member of Bethesda Hospital.

Dr Sofield is a Urological Surgeon who has worked at Bethesda Hospital for nearly ten years, specialising in urological cancer surgery and urethral reconstructive surgery, including management of male urinary incontinence post radical prostatectomy. He introduced laparoscopic radical prostatectomy to WA in 2004 and has trained a large number of consultants and fellows in this procedure. With rooms in East Fremantle he currently operates at Bethesda, Fremantle and SJOG Murdoch hospitals.

Professor Hart has also worked at Bethesda Hospital close to ten years, working out of Fertility Specialists of WA as the Medical Director. He is also a Professor of Reproductive Medicine, School of Women's & Infants Health, UWA. He has interests in all aspects of infertility, and particularly polycystic ovarian syndrome. Professor Hart has an international profile in the field of infertility, he has published extensively in the field of infertility, and runs a fellowship program in infertility.

Chief Executive Officer of Bethesda Hospital, Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that 'Mr Turner has been a central figure in the development and fostering of partnerships with our clinicians that resulted in safe and high quality care. He is very highly regarded by his peers as well as by the nursing staff and others at Bethesda, and his influence will continue through his board position'.

'We are looking forward to working together with Dr Sofield and Professor Hart as they too strive to provide that vital ongoing link between the hospital management and all of our accredited doctors.'

Bethesda is an independent 88-bed hospital in Claremont, which has been providing outstanding care and service to the Western Australian community for 70 years.

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