



# Riverstone Family Medical Practice

## August 2023 Update



### ***Saturday Appointment Availability***

Recent feedback from patients indicates that there may be some confusion re doctors' availability and charges on Saturday.

Each Saturday we have **2 to 4 doctors available** and most doctors are available on 1 in 2 to 1 in 4 Saturdays. This includes one of our GP Registrars being available each Saturday.



**Our GP Registrars bulkbill children, pensioners and health-care card holders on Saturdays.** Other doctors may charge a fee and you need to check with your doctor if they bulk-bill or charge a fee and what their fee is.

We no longer have a nurse available every Saturday so **routine childhood immunisations will need to be done Monday to Friday.** This allows our team to do a growth and developmental check at each vaccination.

Immunisations for influenza and COVID, as well as travel vaccinations can be given by doctors on Saturday.

### ***These doctors are working Saturdays over the coming weeks***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Doctors available</i>
29th July	Dr Melissa Joseph Dr Kiran Shrestha Dr Cheuk Lam (GP Registrar)
5th August	Dr Sharon Muir Dr Larry Lam (GP Registrar) Dr Alison Ting (GP Registrar)
12th August	Dr Michelle Crockett Dr Larry Lam (GP Registrar) Dr Rumi Liyanagamage
19th August	Dr Hanaa Wanis Dr Matthew Lam Dr Larry Lam (GP Registrar) Dr Alison Ting (GP Registrar)
26th August	Dr Sharon Muir Dr Melissa Joseph Dr Melody Chiou

\* This table is current as of now but may be subject to change.

Appointments can be booked online by visiting [Online Bookings](#)

### ***Continuity of Care***



We encourage everyone to have a **GP who gets to know them well and can provide continuity of care** as this has shown to have the best health outcomes.

Routine appointments can be booked with your GP in advance.

Should you need to be seen more urgently and your GP is not available please see another doctor at the Practice who has access to your notes and will let your GP know what has happened.



### ***Doctor's Leave***

The following doctors will be on leave over the next month:

- Dr Ayesha Choudhury - 7 Aug to 11 Aug
- Dr Michelle Crockett - 5 Aug only, 17 Aug to 19 Aug
- Dr Melissa Joseph - 5 Aug only
- Dr Cheuk Lam - 2 Aug only
- Dr Matthew Lam - 29 Jul only
- Dr Kim Loo - 7 Aug to 9 Aug
- Dr Sharon Muir - 6 Aug to 12 Aug

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**Practice Hours:** Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturdays 8am to 1pm

**For After Hours Care we recommend the national Home Doctor Service** for home visits,  
contact on 13 74 25 (13 SICK)