

Dear Member

NEW SPECIALIST CENTRE IN MADDINGTON

We wish to advise our members, of Arche Health's decision to take over the Maddington Specialist Centre.

Multidisciplinary specialist centres are becoming an innovative and popular way of offering varied specialist services to GPs and their patients. There is an increased need felt by the medical community to have specialists working in the community rather than patients travelling to congested city centres and hospitals to see various specialists.

Arche Health has been aware of the ill-health borne by socially disadvantaged groups and the deprivations that can occur through lack of access to specialist services in South Metropolitan Perth. It has therefore been fortuitous, that we've been presented an opportunity to acquire the centre which we believe will be of advantage to both GPs and their patients.

In considering the viability of incorporating a specialist centre under the Arche Health umbrella, a number of aspects have been considered:

- The Maddington Specialist Centre is the first dedicated multidisciplinary specialist centre in the region.
- The Centre is well positioned to offer secondary healthcare services to low-priority, low-income patients residing in the area suffering with a high prevalence of chronic disease.
- The centre is already established and currently contracts a multi-disciplinary team of specialists.
Specialist disciplines include:
 - Endocrinology and diabetes
 - General medicine and respiratory medicine
 - Obstetrics & gynaecology
 - General & endocrine surgery
 - Cardiology
 - Paediatrics
 - Orthopaedics
 - Nephrology
- The majority of specialists have admitting rights to most of the public and private hospitals.
- The centre offers mixed billing with low out-of-pocket fees as well as a bulk billing option if requested by a GP.
- As Arche Health is not driven by profits, this in turn falls in line with Arche Health's charitable purpose as a not for profit organisation and registered charity.
- The centre's location allows for shorter travelling distances and reduced wait times for patients residing in the region. There is plenty of free parking onsite.

In considering the above, our aim is to develop the Maddington Specialist Centre to fully support local GPs by offering effective, affordable and reliable specialist care. Please select <http://www.archehealth.com.au/ours-services/> for further information on the Maddington Specialist Centre.

We look forward to the collaboration of all our members, focused on delivering high-quality, reliable health care.

Yours faithfully



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