

**Skin Cancer Checks are conducted at our West Rosebud clinic and are provided by Dr Nish Balakrishnan, Dr Duncan Ledger and Dr Hazel Addison**

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(MBBS, Bmed Science, Dip Surgical Anatomy, FRACGP) Dr Nish graduated from Melbourne University in 2008 and has a background in general practice and skin cancer medicine and surgery. He also has a keen interest in cosmetic medicine.

**Dr Duncan Ledger** MBBS, Bach. Of Science

Dr Ledger graduated in medicine from the University of Queensland and developed an interest in skin cancers and surgery whilst working at the Royal Brisbane hospital. Dr Ledger is a part time medical educator for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

**Dr Hazel Addison** MBChBm MRCGP, RACGP, DFFP, DCH (Dromana and Rye)

Dr Addison has a special interest in women's health and skin cancer with qualifications in skin cancer medicine and surgery and advanced skin cancer surgery

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# Skin Cancer Clinic

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## Skin Checks

Australians have the highest incidence of melanoma in the world for both males and females. Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. In Victoria, more than 40,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed annually.

In 2013, 460 Victorians died from skin cancers—more than the state road toll. Yet skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. And if found early can usually be successfully treated.

It is important to know your skin and what is normal for you so changes will be quickly noticed. Check all your skin and if you notice anything unusual, including any change in shape, colour or size of a spot, or the development of a new spot, visit your doctor as soon as possible.

## Fees

The total body skin check takes 30 minutes and involves a registered general practitioner completing a systematic total body skin check from head to toe.

The doctor will discuss the results of the skin check directly with you and will then organize any further follow up if required.

Initial skin screening consultation is a 30 minute appointment at the cost of \$150.00 private rebate-able from Medicare.

It is preferred that ladies do not wear any makeup or nail polish for this appointment

Please do not hesitate to ask our staff should you have any questions.

## Services

### Full Body Skin Checks

Head to toe physical examination.

### Dermatoscopy

This is a hand held magnification device used to assess individual lesions.

### Biopsy

A sample is taken of any suspicious lesions and sent to pathology.

### Cryotherapy

Treatment for some lesions suitable for 'freezing'.

### Minor Surgery

Identified skin cancers or lesions can be surgically removed at the clinic. Including flaps and grafts.

### Specialist Referral

If the doctor feels specialist referral is required you will be referred to a local plastic surgeon or dermatologist.

