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## General Physician

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### Dr Matthew Rickard

B.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P., B.Eng.

#### QUALIFICATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- ❖ Bachelor of Science (Anatomy)
- ❖ Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- ❖ Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians
- ❖ Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics)

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- ❖ **Diseases of the Endocrine System** - disorders of the internal (endocrine) glands such as the thyroid glands and adrenal glands. Dr Rickard can assess disorders such as diabetes, metabolic and nutritional disorders and obesity.
- ❖ **Cardiac Disease** – diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels including abnormal heartbeat rhythms, hypertension and high blood pressure, ischaemic heart disease and heart failure.
- ❖ **Infectious Diseases** – diagnosis and treatment of bacterial infections, viral infections, fungal infections and tropical diseases, including malaria, HIV and tuberculosis.
- ❖ **Diseases of the Nervous System** - diagnosis and treatment of all types of disease or impaired function of the brain, spinal cord, nerves, muscles and autonomic nervous system. Dr Rickard has a special interest in dementia.
- ❖ **Disease of the Gastrointestinal System** - diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the digestive organs including the oesophagus, stomach, bowels, colon, small intestine, liver and gall bladder. Dr Rickard can assess conditions such as abdominal pain, ulcers, diarrhoea, cancer and jaundice.
- ❖ **Respiratory Medicine** – diagnosis and treatment of cancer, pneumonia, pleurisy, asthma, occupational and environmental diseases, bronchitis, sleep disorders and emphysema. Dr Rickard can assess complex disorders of the lungs and respiratory system including pulmonary disorders in the immunocompromised host, and pulmonary manifestations of systemic disease.
- ❖ **Kidney Disease** – diagnosis and treatment of disorders including fluid and mineral imbalance.

#### SUMMARY

**Dr Matthew Rickard** completed a Bachelor of Engineering in 1991. He then worked as a biomedical engineer at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne before moving to PK Morgan and later IBM as a general electrical engineer.

Dr Rickard went on to study a Bachelor of Science in 1994. Following the completion of a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at The University of Queensland in 2000, Dr Rickard held positions at The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Gympie General Hospital before becoming a full time staff Consultant Physician at The Prince Charles Hospital where he dealt with a wide range of medical conditions including cardiology, infectious diseases, endocrinology, oncology and respiratory conditions, palliative care and emergency medicine. Dr Rickard also has experience gained in numerous rural hospital facilities during his time with Queensland health.

Dr Rickard now has a private practice and is a General Medicine Specialist at St Vincent's Northside Private Hospital and North West Private Hospital. His special interests include perioperative medicine, neurology, non malignant haematology, acute internal medicine, and palliative care.

In his spare time, Dr Rickard enjoys boating and motorcycle riding.

#### POSITIONS

- ❖ Current Positions
  - Internal Medicine Specialist – Private Practice
  - Internal Medicine Specialist at St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside and North West Private Hospital
- ❖ Previous positions
  - Staff specialist at The Prince Charles Hospital
  - Senior Medical Officer at Gympie General Hospital
  - Medical Registrar at The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital