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Dr. Siriruthai Amnatbuddee

Gynecologist, Reproductive, Endocrinology and Infertility Specialist,
Srinagarind Hospital

Simon is dual trained in general surgery and gynaecology.

Following completion of his training at St Thomas' Hospital in London, Simon worked for 5 years in the South East of England, performing all aspects of gynaecological surgery under the mentorship of Mr Mohamed Hefni, including laparoscopic and pelvic floor repair procedures.

He moved to New Zealand in 2010, where he worked for 8 years at Middlemore Hospital in South Auckland, as the lead for minimally invasive surgery and as clinical lead in gynaecology 2011-2014. He was the Training Programme Director for the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy Society (AGES) 2-year training fellowship, one of only 2 such accredited hospitals in NZ. He left the public system in 2018 and now works solely at Ascot Central Women's Clinic.

He is the NZ board member for AGES and is lead for gynaecology on the Clinical Advisory Board at Mercy/Ascot Hospitals in Auckland. He is also a member of the Endometriosis Specialists Advisory Group of the charitable trust Endometriosis NZ.

Simon is passionate about teaching and regularly organises conferences in Australia and NZ with his fellow AGES board members. He teaches on anatomical and surgical update courses and continues to share his skills and learn from other colleagues in gynaecology.



Professor Angela Aguilar

Professor, University of the Philippines College of Medicine

Professor 3 and University Scientist 1,
Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility,
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Manila, Philippines
President, Philippine Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy



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Ms. Deborah Bush

Director of EPP Coaching and Consulting

Deborah was described as “a pioneer, a visionary, a highly effective lay person in a specialised medical world” by the New Zealand Woman of the Year judges. Deborah has influenced change for endometriosis globally, developing the world’s first menstrual health and endometriosis programme in schools and initiating programmes for workplaces, hospitals and CME. She established her own private well-health coaching clinic for endometriosis and pelvic pain and established the Task Force with the NZ Government, Medical Colleges and patients to develop the Clinical Pathway for endometriosis in New Zealand. Deborah’s many national and international awards reflect her unique achievements and contribution to the literature.



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Dr Simon Edmonds

Consultant Gynaecologist, Ascot Central Women's Clinic

Siriruthai Amnatbuddee has graduated with a degree in Medicine and has undergone specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynecology from Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand. She has also completed a sub-specialization in Reproductive Medicine, followed by Gynecological Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery from KKU. She serves as a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine at KKU and holds the position of Gynecologist and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Specialist at Srinagarind Hospital. Additionally, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in Clinical Sciences, focusing on endometriosis, and exploring the potential of cannabinoid treatments.



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Professor Cindy Farquhar

Clinical Director, Fertility Plus at National Women's

Cindy is the Postgraduate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Auckland, and Clinical Director of Fertility Plus at National Women's, Auckland, New Zealand. Over her 30+ years at the University of Auckland Cindy has had a successful research career with a particular focus on evidence into practice. She has published over 340 peer reviewed publications. Her research including leading clinical trials, systematic reviews and evidence based guideline development, particularly for women's health. She leads Cochrane New Zealand and the Cochrane Gynaecology and Fertility Group. She is currently the principle investigator for HRC funded clinical trial of fertility treatments. She was the co-chair of the Cochrane Collaboration from 2014 to 2018 and is currently the deputy Chair of the WHO Fertility guidelines. In 2022 Cindy lead a national Hui of nearly 60 stakeholders including donor conceived people and sponsored by HRC funding in order to plan research about disclosure of biological heritage for donor conceived people. Cindy is also She is also leading a project documenting biographies of early women medical graduates in New Zealand up to 1967. Currently there are 120 biographies on line.

In 2017 she was awarded the Aldo Vacca Medal by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RANZCOG) and in 2018 the Liley Medal of Aotearoa New Zealand. In 2014 she was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, and in 2019 was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. In 2020 Cindy was appointed the Dean of Research and Policy at RANZCOG where she has been leading a change in the development of statements and guidelines.



Ms. Loula George

Cofounder and Codirector, Mother-Well Holistic Health

Loula George is a registered naturopath and medical herbalist specialising in women’s health and fertility for almost 30 years.

She is also a cofounder and codirector of Mother-Well Holistic Health. This is a unique integrative health centre in Auckland where medical and allied health practitioners come together to offer patients a holistic approach to their health issues.

Working in this area, Loula has had extensive experience in supporting women with endometriosis. She understands that it is a multi-faceted condition that requires a multi- disciplined approach to treatment. She is passionate about looking at the causative triggers and individualizing treatment for women with endometriosis.



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A/Prof Jane Girling

Reproductive Biologist, University of Otago

A/Prof Jane Girling joined the Department of Anatomy, University of Otago in 2018 after nearly 20 years working in Australia, most recently in the Gynaecology Research Centre at the University of Melbourne and Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne. Jane is a reproductive biologist with research interests in uterine biology and women's health, with a particular focus on the common gynaecological disorder endometriosis. Jane also has an interest in the impact of menstrual pain and menstrual bleeding disorders on individuals and their whānau. She is a co-founder of the University of Otago Menstrual Cycle Health Research Network.



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Dr. Elizabeth Glanville

Sub-specialist in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Fertility Plus

Elizabeth is a subspecialist in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Fertility Plus, National Women's Hospital; Repromed Auckland and Auckland Gynaecology Group. She is an Honorary Lecturer at the University of Auckland and a WES Early Career Ambassador.

Elizabeth has a keen interest in research, collaborating with authors worldwide. Recent contributions include: co-authorship of a systematic review on when to do surgery for endometriosis; and a network meta-analysis on interventions for pain and quality of life in the treatment of endometriosis. She is a Cochrane author and reviewer. She is first author of the ACCEPT consensus statement on use of oil-soluble contrast media for tubal flushing



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Ms. Teresa Gudex

Dietician, Women's Health and Fertility Nutrition, Auckland Gynaecology Group and Repromed Fertility in Auckland

Teresa's role is to take the confusion away by translating the latest science into a personalised nutrition plan. She supports clients by providing evidence-based nutrition treatment specialised in optimisation of fertility and fertility treatment, pregnancy, the postpartum period and health conditions.

Since finishing her training at Otago University in 2014 Teresa has worked in hospitals in Hawkes Bay, Auckland and Ireland in a range of positions with adults and children. Her main area of interest is the critical importance of nutrition in the peri conception period and early years of a child's life.

She is also passionate about supporting clients pre-conception to make dietary changes that are backed up by science and achieve results with the least amount of restriction possible.



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Professor Louise Hull

Medical Director, Embrace Fertility Clinic

Professor M. Louise Hull leads the Endometriosis Group and the Fertility and Conception Theme at the Robinson Research Institute and is the Deputy Head of Department, University of Adelaide. Her group specialises in the applications of digital technology to health promotion and delivery for people with endometriosis, microRNA technology, Genomics, reproductive immunology and novel mouse methods. Professor Hull publishes widely, presents at international conferences, supervises PhD students and teaches reproductive medicine to medical students, registrars and fellows.

She is currently the Written Exam Chair for the Certificate in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (CREI) subspeciality for RANZCOG and the President of the ANZCREI society. Louise is also a Medical Advisory Board for Aspire and the Chair of the local organizing committee for ASPIRE's annual meeting in 2023 in Adelaide. She is a member of FIGO's Reproductive medicine international committee. She has developed many reproductive medicine and endometriosis consensus statements, and educational programs for Australia and New Zealand, the Asia Pacific and for the global FIGO group.

Professor Hull is the owner and Medical Director of the Embrace Fertility Clinic in Adelaide. Dr Hull also sees reproductive medicine patients at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide



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Professor Neil Johnson

REI subspecialist at Repromed Auckland, Auckland Gynaecology Group and Flinders Fertility

Neil is REI subspecialist at Repromed Auckland, Auckland Gynaecology Group and Flinders Fertility, holds a professorship at Flinders University and the University of Adelaide, serves on the executive board of ASPIRE, was inaugural chairperson of the ASPIRE endometriosis special interest group and is a past president of the World Endometriosis Society



Ms. Rebecca Kerner

Chair, Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors-
Association

Rebecca Kerner is a UK-trained Psychotherapist and Senior Counsellor with over 24 years international experience specialising in infertility, grief and relationship issues. She has worked with individuals and couples in the UK, New Zealand, and Australia, and is a passionate advocate for patient centred care. Rebecca is the current chair of the Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors Association (ANZICA).

Amongst her advocacy work, Rebecca has created the small film “Care to Listen and Listen to Care,” helping to provide a voice for patients going through fertility treatment. In her work with ANZICA she has been part of numerous parliamentary submissions both at state and national levels, including the recent call for an urgent parliamentary inquiry into prolific online semen donors, and the need for a national donor conception register. She has also appeared before the Australian Senate Community Affairs Committee Inquiry Community into the Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform (Maeve’s Law) Bill 2021.



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Dr. Phill McChesney

Fertility Specialist, Fertility Associates

Phill is a Fertility Specialist at Fertility Associates. With an extensive knowledge and experience in all areas of fertility, Phill's areas of specialty include infertility, fertility preservation and advanced gynecological surgery.



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Professor Yutaka Osuga

Professor and Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo

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- Deputy director, the University of Tokyo Hospital
- President, Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine
- President, Japan Society of Fertilization and Implantation

Prof. Osuga received his MD in 1985 and PhD in 1995 from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo, Japan. He completed his OB/GYN residency training at the University of Tokyo. He trained as a postdoctoral fellow in the field of ovarian physiology in Stanford University from 1995 to 1997. He is board certified by Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Japan Society of Gynecologic and Obstetric Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy, Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine, and Japanese Society of Anti-Aging Medicine.

Prof. Osuga provides clinical services in gynecology and reproductive medicine with special expertise in laparoscopic surgery and assisted reproductive technology. His main research targets cover a wide variety of physiology and pathology of reproduction including endometriosis, implantation, folliculogenesis, and reproductive aging. He has authored over 500 research papers published in eminent peer-reviewed journals and has written and edited many textbooks. He serves as an executive board member of several medical groups and associations and an editor of several international journals. He is frequently sought out to provide his expertise at international medical conferences and academic institutions.



Ms. Nicol Ranger

Physiotherapist, Pelvic Health, New Zealand

Nicol qualified as a Physiotherapist from the University of Northumbria in Newcastle (UK) in 1995. She has worked in Women's Health since 1997. Nicol worked at National Women's Hospital between 2004 and 2016, working as part of a dedicated multi-disciplinary team for women with complex pelvic pain. She also completed her postgraduate in acupuncture at AUT in 2004.

Nicol's specific areas of interest in Physiotherapy, include perineal trauma, sexual pain, and chronic pelvic pain. She has treated clients with Endometriosis since 2011. Nicol now works privately in Auckland and still enjoys a multidisciplinary approach to her work. Nicol promotes self-management during treatment and where possible, encourages clients to understand and take control of their pain and its management.

Attending regular courses and conferences, Nicol maintains up to date, evidenced based practice. Nicol is a member of the New Zealand Physiotherapy Society as well as their special interest group for Pelvic, Women's and Men's Health.



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Professor Luk Rombauts

Medical Director, Monash IVF Group

Medical Director - Monash IVF Group

Clinical Director - Monash IVF Clayton

Past President-elect of the World Endometriosis Society

President of the Fertility Society of Australia

Professor Rombauts treats all causes of male and female infertility in a holistic way.

He offers microsurgery for tubal ligation and vasectomy reversals. He also has a special interest in advanced laparoscopic techniques, in particular the management of severe endometriosis. Dr. Luk Rombauts provides personalised care at his consulting rooms in Richmond and Clayton. He operates at the Epworth Hospital (Richmond and Hawthorn), Cabrini Hospital (Malvern), and Monash Surgical Private Hospital (Clayton) as part of the Monash IVF Group.

Working with Monash IVF, Luk offers IVF procedures and is considered one of Melbourne's IVF leading Fertility Specialists. Prof Rombauts obtained his Certificate of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (CREI) in 1998 and is now accredited by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists as a training supervisor for the CREI.

Prof Rombauts is the National Medical Director of Monash IVF and chairs its Medical Advisory Committee. He is also the Research Director of Monash IVF, he is the Head of Reproductive Medicine at Monash Health and holds an appointment as Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Monash University.

He is also a Research Fellow of the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, where he is conducting research funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council in the fields of endometriosis and embryo implantation. Prof Rombauts is the President of the Fertility Society of Australia and Past President-elect of the World Endometriosis Society. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Fertility Society of Australia and the RANZCOG Research Foundation. He has published several books and over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals and was recently invited by Human Reproduction the highest-ranking journal publishing original research in the field of reproductive medicine to become one of their associate editors.



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Dr. Vitalis Skiauteris

Acupuncturist, Dr Vitalis Acupuncture

Dr Vitalis acquired his skills through extensive training in various medical fields. He is one of the few European practitioners, who mastered the Chinese language, enabling him to gain a deeper understanding of Chinese medicine and acupuncture. He even completed his Chinese Medicine degree in Chinese.

Dr Vitalis is particularly passionate about caring for patients with reproductive health problems, pain, stress/anxiety, depression and complex health issues.

Qualification Highlights

- Medical doctor degree from Beijing University of Chinese Medicine
- Over eight years of study and practice of Acupuncture and Herbal medicine at renowned hospitals in China
- In private practice in Auckland since 2002
- Strong special interest in fertility and women's health since 1999
- Special interest in the treatment of pain since 1993
- Diploma in Vertebral Diseases (Tokyo-Moscow)
- ACC treatment provider, Registered Member of the NZ Acupuncture Standards Authority
- Former clinical supervisor and tutor at New Zealand School of Acupuncture Auckland (2003-2006)
- Vitalis is fluent in English, Russian, Chinese (Mandarin) and Lithuanian; he can understand Dutch and German. Patients speaking any of these languages are welcome.



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Dr. Praveen de Silva

Clinical Lead of Endometriosis and, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Waitemata Health District, Auckland.

Dr Praveen is a New Zealand born and trained Gynaecologist, with sub-specialist training in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery (keyhole surgery). His practice has a particular focus on advanced endometriosis, uterine fibroids, and hysterectomy.

He is the Clinical Lead for Endometriosis and Laparoscopic Surgery at Te Whatu Ora- Waitemata (North Shore Hospital). Accredited for all levels of Endometriosis Surgery (AGES Level 6).



Professor Chii-Ruey Tzeng

Founder & CEO, Taipei Fertility Center

CURRENT POSITION:

2019-Present Founder & CEO, Taipei Fertility Center

2017-Present Board member, World Endometriosis Society (WES)

2017-Present Honorary Professor, Taipei Medical University

2015-Present Board member, Asian Society for Fertility Preservation (ASFP)

2012-Present Board Member, Pacific Rim Society for Fertility and Sterility (PRSFS), now Pacific Society for Reproductive Medicine(PSRM)

2008-Present Board member, International Society for Fertility Preservation(ISFP)

2007-Present Board member, Harvard Club of the Republic of China

2000-Present Board member, Taiwan Society for Reproductive Medicine(TSRM)



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Dr May-Lee Wong

Fertility Plus, Te Whatu Ora Te Toka Tumai, Auckland,