

## MEET OUR TEAM

Our doctors are experts in managing swollen legs & veins, supported by specialised ultrasound where Medicare and Private Health Fund Rebates may apply in a licensed facility.



### Dr Chris Lekich

Dr Chris Lekich is the Medical Director of Vein Doctors Group. Dr Lekich has a background in Microsurgical techniques and was trained by world-renowned Microsurgeon, Professor Earl Owen. He is a Fellow and the Past Vice-President of the Australasian College of Phlebology.

Dr Lekich has collaborated with the world's leading Lipoedema Surgeon, Dr Heck of Germany's LipoClinic, which included Dr Lekich making four trips to Germany for formal lipoedema extraction surgery training.

Dr Lekich educates doctors and advocates for patients in the field of varicose veins, lipoedema and lymphoedema as his subspecialised practice. As well as offering comprehensive modern non-surgical treatment for varicose veins, Dr Lekich established a pregnancy vein service to support women with varicose veins during pregnancy.



### Dr Nicholas Teo

Born in Singapore, Dr Nicholas Teo moved to Queensland and fell in love with sunny Queensland where he has lived, trained and worked for over a decade.

Dr Teo is a graduate from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Dr Teo has worked extensively within Queensland Health including Gold Coast Health, Wide Bay Health and Darling Downs Health. He has also worked at the St Andrews Hospital in Toowoomba where he was instrumental in the development of the Rapid Access Heart Centre.

Dr Teo has also worked as a GP for several years which has helped him hone a comprehensive and holistic approach to medicine. In his experience, Dr Teo saw firsthand the potential severe impact of having chronic painful and swollen legs. Patients would often feel frustrated with the lack of answers or improvement.

On witnessing the transformative potential of modern Phlebology and Lipoedema treatments, Dr Teo has since dedicated his career to patient advocacy and education, as well as helping patients to find answers and explore all possible holistic treatment options.

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### Dr Stuart McMaster

Dr Stuart McMaster joined the Vein Doctors Group in 2019, having previously worked with Dr Lekich in providing an outreach vein clinic in Mackay in the early 2010s, and provided vein treatment services to patients on Brisbane's Northside since the mid 2000s.

Dr McMaster graduated from the University of Otago Medical School in 1987, working initially as a general practitioner and rural hospital clinician and obtaining general practice fellowship (FRNZGP) in 1991. Emigrating to Brisbane in 2003, he then pursued special interests of Skin Cancer medicine and Phlebology to add to his general practice skills.



### Dr Kim Jackman

After graduating from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Dr Jackman operated as a medical professional in remote regions spending several years with the Royal Flying Doctors, helping people in far off communities who commonly develop skin cancer as a result of exposure to the harsh Australian sun. This sparked her interest in diagnoses and treatment of skin malignancies, a speciality she has focused on for over 15 years as a GP.

Dr Jackman's personal attentiveness toward physical and mental health has motivated her to practice the same philosophy toward her patients and led her to gaining irreplaceable knowledge from the Australasian College of Phlebology in treating venous disease.



### Dr Rhys Bennett

Dr Rhys Bennett is a dedicated physician who initially qualified in sonography. As he advanced his skills in general practice, he witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of long-term pain and chronic conditions on patients. This experience ignited his passion for venous health, prompting him to study Phlebology.

Dr Bennett is also committed to helping patients manage conditions such as Lipoedema and Lymphoedema. He focuses on both conservative management and surgical intervention, aiming to alleviate pain and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these chronic conditions. His dedication to venous health exemplifies his holistic approach to patient care.



### Onsite imaging with Australian Ultrasound Specialists.

Non-invasive vascular diagnostic imaging and investigations include:

- Chronic Venous Insufficiency
- Deep Vein Thrombosis
- Upper & Lower Limb Arterial
- Pelvic Congestion Syndrome
- Specialty Compression Syndromes
- Special Interest Veins and Arterial Studies.