

SPECIALISTS WITHIN THEIR SPECIALITY

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Expert specialists within their field of speciality are at the heartbeat of Heart Rx Cardiology, a private cardiology practice started by Dr Tim Carruthers, the first Cardiologist to arrive in Cairns over 30 years ago. Dr Carruthers is looking towards retirement and will soon be handing over the business to his trusted colleagues. He will continue to see his patients and, together with his team of sub-specialists, will continue the high standard of care and commitment that his patients have come to love and trust.

“We are excited to move together into this next phase, offering the full spectrum of best-practice sub-specialty cardiology services in Cairns, with our specialists Dr Sam Hillier, Imaging Cardiologist; Dr Ram Saireddy, Interventional Cardiologist; Dr Ben Reeves, Paediatric Cardiologist and Dr Kieran Dauber, Electrophysiologist Cardiologist,” Dr Carruthers said.

Heart Rx will continue to cover all areas of Cardiology, including Bulk Bill Holter and Echocardiography services to Cairns and surrounding areas.

Dr Sam Hillier, an Imaging Cardiologist who has been with Heart Rx for five years, was inspired to enter medicine after seeing the assistance his father received when he had a cardiac problem as well as his love of science and his enjoyment of meeting people.

“I enjoy solving the problem with the information that imaging cardiologists use, whether that is echocardiography (ultrasound of the heart) and its sub-specialties

or CT scans of the heart,” he said.

“I enjoy working as a specialist and the professional relationship that develops with patients over the years,” he said. “Treating heart failure is particularly rewarding, as patients often leave the hospital feeling markedly better than they had felt in ages.”

Dr Ram Saireddy, an Interventional Cardiologist who has been with Heart Rx for three years, was motivated to study medicine by seeing the effect his family doctor had on his patients.

“Our family physician was knowledgeable, always empathetic with patients, reassuring, reliable and trustworthy,” he said. “He inspired me to become a doctor.”

His decision to become an interventional cardiologist was to help people lead full lives again.

“Intervention in cardiology is a science and an art,” he said. “Procedures such as stenting have to be well planned and perfectly executed. It is one of the few specialities where one can make a difference to a person’s life in a few minutes, which attracted me to interventional cardiology. Seeing a patient who presented critically ill and then later walking home happily with their family is one of the most rewarding aspects of my work.”

Dr Ben Reeves, a Paediatric Cardiologist was inspired to become a Doctor by his Grandfather, who was a GP, and by his own interest in helping people.

His desire to help young heart patients came about when he worked as a paediatrician in Fiji where he saw a lot of babies and young children with heart problems.

“I started learning more about hearts in Fiji, and when I returned to Australia I started my paediatric cardiology training,” said Dr Reeves, who has been with Heart Rx for five years.

“I love seeing my patients and their families as they grow up. Unfortunately, some of the patients I see for the first time are babies with heart problems from birth, but to help them and their families through that difficult time, see them recovering after surgery and then grow up, go to school and do normal kid stuff is very satisfying.

“I also love travelling to do clinics in the Cape, Torres Straits and Yarrabah, and making sure those children have access to specialist care.”

Dr Kieran Dauber, an Electrophysiologist Cardiologist who has been with Heart Rx for nearly three years, always found medicine fascinating, which inspired him to become a Doctor and then a Cardiologist.

“Cardiology is the best area of medicine,” said Dr Dauber, who worked under the supervision of world experts in the field of Cardiac Electrophysiology, with a focus on ablation of cardiac arrhythmias including Atrial Fibrillation and Ventricular Tachycardia when he undertook a Fellowship at Loyal University Medical Centre in Chicago, USA.

“It’s nice to be able to do something really beneficial for someone. There is always a lot of new research being done in cardiology, so it’s a dynamic field to work in.”



DR SAM HILLIER



DR RAM SAIREDDY



DR BEN REEVES



DR KIERAN DAUBER

DR SAM HILLIER is an Imaging Cardiologist with special interests in the management of acute and chronic heart failure as well as the performance of stress and transoesophageal echocardiography and cardiac CT.

DR RAM SAIREDDY is an Interventional Cardiologist with his main interest in management of coronary artery disease and additional interest in structural heart disease management. Dr Saireddy is very experienced in performing coronary procedures such as angiography and angioplasty.

DR BEN REEVES is a Paediatric Cardiologist with a primary interest in echocardiography for congenital and rheumatic heart disease. He offers diagnostic echo and clinical assessment of patients from the newborn period to adolescence.

DR KIERAN DAUBER is an Electrophysiologist Cardiologist with expertise in the ablation of cardiac arrhythmias, device management of brady and tachyarrhythmias, including implantation of pacemakers, implantable cardiac defibrillators and cardiac resynchronisation therapy.