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## **New GP Synergy Board Appointments**

Three new Board Directors were elected by Members at GP Synergy's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 which also saw the reappointment of Dr Charlotte Hesse as Chair.

The new Board Directors are Dr Ashok Chalasani, Dr Ian Kamerman and Dr Jeremy Keh.

A GP in Bankstown, Dr Chalasani is a former GP Synergy Board Director, as well as a longstanding Director of Bankstown Division of General Practice and the former Canterbury Division of General Practice. Dr Chalasani was also a Member of the Institute of General Practice Education Management Committee.

Dr Ian Kamerman is also a former GP Synergy Board Director. Dr Kamerman is a practising GP in Tamworth and is a representative on the Boards of Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA), North West Slopes Division of General Practice and the National GP Supervisors Association. He is also a GP Synergy supervisor, training registrars, prevocational doctors and medical students.

Dr Jeremy Keh is a current GP Synergy registrar, undertaking his General Practice training in a general pathway.

CEO Mr John Oldfield welcomes the new Board members and the reappointment of Dr Charlotte Hesse as Chair.

"We look forward to the contributions Drs Chalasani, Kamerman & Keh will make," says Mr Oldfield. "The newly appointed Directors are from across GP Synergy's geographic regions, each bringing different expertise and experience.

"We also congratulate Dr Charlotte Hesse in her reappointment as Chair," he said.

"On behalf of all GP Synergy Directors and staff, we would like to sincerely thank the three retiring directors - Dr Harry Napolon, Dr Owen Brookes and Dr Nada Andric, for their significant contributions during their tenure," Mr Oldfield said.

### **The GP Synergy Board**

- Dr Charlotte Hesse (Chair)
- Dr Ashok Chalasani
- Associate Professor Lyn Fragar
- Associate Professor Michelle Guppy
- Dr Ian Kamerman
- Dr Jeremy Keh
- Dr Jacqueline Korner
- Professor Siaw-Teng Liaw
- Professor Jennifer Reath

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