

## Why did you choose to be a Doctor?

The caring role has always interested me from a young age and I think becoming a doctor helped me achieve two goals. Being in a job that is intellectually stimulating as well as providing a sense of fulfillment knowing that my job was leading to better health outcomes for my patients.

## What has been one of the highlights of your career so far?

It's a young career so I hope there's many more highlights to come but a definite highlight so far was working with children in my last job at Children's Hospital Westmead. Definitely an extra boost knowing that your job is helping the youngest members of our society.



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## Long meetings and Netflix binges

*How do you believe NSW Health can do things better for JMOs?*

At times there seems to be a disconnect between words and actions when it comes to NSW Health treatment of JMOs as a whole. More JMOs in leadership positions or at least in advisory roles would lead to more opportunities to listen to our concerns and change conduct accordingly.

*Why is being part of a Union important to you?*

I think Union membership is twofold for me. I see medicine not just as a job but also as a profession. I see being part of a union taking my involvement in the profession to its fullest extent. Industrial issues play an important part in the life of a professional and I want to make sure that I have a say in these matters. I also see the personal benefits to myself knowing that I have excellent representation in an industrial dispute, should I ever need it, and I can continue my role as a doctor in a safe and effective manner.

*How would you like to see ASMOF change in the future to better cater to JMO's needs?*

As ASMOF NSW gains more JMO members this change will naturally occur. We're very fortunate to always have more and more enthusiastic JMOs joining the fight for a better industrial environment and this increase in enthusiasm will lead to structural changes that will make sure that more JMOs feel comfortable in making sure their industrial rights are met.

*What has been the best and worst things about being on the DiT Committee?*

Best thing has to be meeting and getting to know like-minded DiTs that are keen to create change. Worst thing maybe long meetings but sometimes this is just a necessity!

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*If you weren't a Doctor, what would you be doing instead?*

A daydreamer's favourite question! My latest thought is a food truck owner, selling delectable cuisines for Sydney's most discerning foodie hipsters.

*What do you do when you aren't working?*

Discovering new brunch places with my wife or some serious Netflix binges! I know I'm late to the party but one recent highlight has been Luther. Must watch for fans of psychological thrillers, crime shows or just Idris Elba!