

## New ADIA President reaffirms commitment to affordable, accessible radiology



*Incoming ADIA President Dr Julian Adler*

The new head of Australia's most influential radiology advocacy group has signalled a continued focus on quality services, patient affordability and accessibility.

New South Wales-based radiologist Dr Julian Adler has been elected as the new President of the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association (ADIA), which represents more than 500 radiology practices across the country.

Dr Adler is CEO of Castlereagh Imaging in Sydney and the Illawarra Radiology Group and has a long-standing involvement in policy development with ADIA.

"Radiology is at the nexus of healthcare, providing the critical diagnosis, staging and treatment to 9 million Australians every year that all other medical specialities rely on," he said.

"That's why it's so important that we continue to educate and compel governments to ensure radiology is affordable and accessible to all Australians, no matter their location.

"So, while we look forward to next July when Medicare rebates for x-ray, ultrasound, mammography, fluoroscopy, interventional radiology and CT scans will be indexed for the first time in more than 20 years, there is still some work to do. ADIA is particularly focused on opportunities for structural reforms which support Australians' access to high quality

radiology services, and ensure that Medicare expenditure on radiology is more effectively targeted.

Dr Adler also paid tribute to Dr Siavash Es'haghi, who had served as President since 2017.

“Siavash deserves special recognition for the role he played in helping reverse 20 years of government inaction on Medicare rebates for radiology,” Dr Adler said.

“The Budget commitment ADIA was able to get from the Federal Government to index rebates for the first time since 1998 was nothing short of transformational, and Siavash played a critical role in the advocacy process.”

*ADIA represents radiology practices throughout Australia, both in the community and in hospitals. It promotes the ongoing development of quality accreditation standards and appropriate funding settings so that Australians can have affordable access to quality radiology services. This supports radiology's central role in the diagnosis, treatment and management of a broad range of conditions in every branch of medicine.*

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