

I also have a limited, but important to me, private practice at the Hollywood Medical Centre. This is at the Hollywood Hospital, which is WA's largest private hospital. My practice is with patients who have lung diseases, of course. I see those with any general lung diseases, whatever comes through the door, though I do also have a special interest in occupational lung diseases and cancer.

It provides me with the opportunity to practice my profession in its broadest form, using all of my 40+ years of specialist training and experience. I also take pride in caring for patients as individuals, empathically taking as much time as required to provide a quality service to my patients.

Let me tell you what I enjoy about private practice. I undertake it with my wife - she's the practice manager. She is a trained pharmacist so understands disease and therapies. . I guess what I like about it is it's, for me, pure respiratory medicine - it's just the GP, and me, and the patient. There are no registrars, and no other emergency doctors, no one buffering between me, the patient, and the GP, and I really enjoy that sort of direct, involved, responsible medicine.

The second thing I enjoy about it is that because there are patients that have chronic lung diseases, many of them have been my patients for decades, and we've become quite good friends. We know about each other's family, and when they come to hospital, it's obvious to the junior staff that we will know each other very well, and it's really a pleasure to do this kind of private practice, honestly.