

## Urology

### More about our team of specialists



#### **Associate Professor Chris Kimber Head of Paediatric Surgery and Urology**

Dr Kimber graduated from Monash University's Medical Faculty prior to undertaking Paediatric Surgery training in Australia and United Kingdom. He is currently Head of Paediatric Urology and Head of Paediatric Surgery for Monash Children's Hospital, Monash Health. He has also been appointed state Clinical lead at The Department of Human Services.

Dr Kimber has made extensive contributions to training and development of paediatric surgery and paediatric urology in developing nations of South-East Asia. Regular visits to Vietnam and recently Cambodia have established strong regional links which see an exchange of surgical staff for education and training.

In addition to his role at Monash, Dr Kimber also consults at The Children's Surgery at Cabrini Hospital and makes regular visits to regional Victoria and Darwin to provide an outreach service.



#### **Dr Nathalie Webb Paediatric Urological Surgeon**

Dr Webb obtained her medical degree from University of Sydney prior to undertaking surgical training in first General Surgery, then Urology. Completing urological training in NSW, she then undertook subspecialty training in Paediatric Urology at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital and subsequently London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

Returning as Consultant Paediatric Urologist to Sydney Children's Hospital in 2006, she established a public outpatients clinic for this specialty, and strengthened multidisciplinary services for perinatal urology and management of complex urogenital disorders. She established a state-wide quaternary service to manage urinary tract stone disease in children and was instrumental in creating a subspecialty training position for Paediatric Urology within the new Sydney Children's Hospitals' Network.

Dr Webb relocated to Melbourne in 2012, to take up a full-time role as Paediatric Urologist for Monash Children's Hospital, consulting to Monash Foetal Diagnostic Unit and Monash Newborn.



**Dr Amanda Kusel**  
**Paediatric Surgeon and Urologist**

Originally from Perth, Western Australia, Dr Kusel studied Medicine at The University of Otago, New Zealand before returning to Australia to undertake Postgraduate Specialty Training in Paediatric Surgery & Paediatric Urology. She was awarded Fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2016.

Dr Kusel has worked in numerous Tertiary and Quaternary Paediatric Hospitals in Australia and New Zealand through her career, including Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth, Sydney Children's Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Queensland Children's Hospital and Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

In 2019 Dr Kusel moved to Melbourne to undertake a Consultant Position within the Department of Paediatric Surgery & Urology at Monash Children's Hospital. Her areas of interest include minimally invasive surgery, neonatal surgery, congenital colorectal conditions and paediatric urology.



**Dr Kiarash Taghavi**  
**Paediatric Surgeon and Urologist**

Dr Taghavi graduated from the University of Otago, prior to completing Paediatric Surgical training under the auspices of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Throughout his training he has worked at centres of excellence across Australia (Brisbane, Melbourne) and New Zealand (Auckland, Wellington). He has also visited surgical centres in the UK (Queens' Medical Centre, Nottingham and Great Ormond Street Hospital, London). Following his training he completed post-fellowship work in Paediatric Urology at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Dr Taghavi has extensive experience in research and education. He has published over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and nine book chapters. He has completed post-graduate diplomas in surgical anatomy, paediatrics and clinical education. He has been a member of the Board of Paediatric Surgery, and currently holds membership to the *European Society for Paediatric Urology*, *British Association of Paediatric Urologists* and *Hypospadias International Society*. He is also editor for the *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, and *Frontiers in Urology*.

As well as being an enthusiastic Paediatric Urologist, Kiarash also performs regularly as a violinist.