



# The Hon Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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### NEW DOCTORS WELCOMED

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, today welcomed 64 new doctors in Sydney's south, part of a record number of 844 interns starting work this week in hospitals across the state.

The interns, the second biggest group of new doctors in Sydney this year, will be placed at either St George, Sutherland, Calvary or Albury hospitals and will complete terms in medicine, surgery, orthopaedics and trauma.

"I am very pleased to reiterate that every NSW university medical graduate who applied for an intern position in NSW received an offer, which is fantastic for the future of our health system," Minister Skinner said.

"We've got interns starting work at 49 hospitals and 15 GP practices in NSW this year and it's fabulous to see our health system growing in this way."

After welcoming the interns at a luncheon at St George Hospital, Minister Skinner joined them as they underwent CPR certification as part of their induction.

"I'm a firm believer that everyone should learn CPR because it has been proven to save and extend lives," she said.

"I've spoken to many paramedics who say they breathe a sigh of relief when they arrive on scene and see bystanders performing CPR because they know that patient will have a better chance of survival.

"With the spate of pool drownings recently, I would encourage everyone to learn these vital skills," Minister Skinner said.

"CPR training is already a compulsory part of the NSW curriculum in primary and high schools from year 5 to year 10, but for those who have not had the opportunity to learn the skills at school, please consider doing so."

In Sydney, 87 interns are starting at Westmead Hospital; 44 at Prince of Wales; 51 at Royal Prince Alfred; 23 at Bankstown; 17 at Campbelltown; 33 at Concord; 8 at Canterbury; 49 at Liverpool; 45 at Royal North Shore; 15 at Hornsby; 47 at Nepean; 40 at Blacktown/Mt Druitt; 31 at St Vincent's; 10 at Mona Vale; nine at Manly and seven at Ryde.