



Dr Penelope
De Lacavalerie

Dr Penelope De Lacavalerie, MBBS, FRACS, CSSANZ, is a specialist Colorectal and General Surgeon. She has a particular interest in advanced surgical techniques like Robotic surgery for the conditions of colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, endometriosis, diverticular disease and hernia operations.

Dr De Lacavalerie also manages other benign anorectal and pelvic floor conditions such as rectal prolapse, anal fissure/fistula, haemorrhoids and functional conditions such as obstructive defecation and faecal incontinence. Her clinical practice includes general and acute surgical conditions such as hernia operations, gallstones and endoscopic procedures (gastroscopy and colonoscopies) including direct access colonoscopy for FOBT positive patients.

Dr De Lacavalerie is passionate about providing holistic care for all her patients and in particular she enjoys collaborating with Gynaecologists in the management of rectal endometriosis and functional pelvic floor problems. She performs locally, endoanal ultrasounds and anal manometry in the management of anorectal and pelvic floor conditions, including obstetric anal sphincter injuries. After receiving her Medical qualifications, Dr De Lacavalerie started her surgical training in London, completing the Intercollegiate Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

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Following relocation to Australia she undertook her specialist general surgical training and achieved the Fellowship in General Surgery with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS). Following this, the skilled surgeon pursued a Surgeon Scientist career undertaking further studies for a PhD degree at The Garvan Institute of Medical Research through the University of New South Wales. She then pursued post-Fellowship training with the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ), receiving further two years of sub-specialisation in advanced colorectal skills in Sydney including a Robotic Surgery Fellowship.

Dr De Lacavalerie is a Conjoint Lecturer at Prince of Wales Hospital Clinical school (UNSW-Sydney) and Clinical Lecturer at Nepean Clinical School (University of Sydney). Her past research in prediction of response to chemoradiotherapy in rectal cancer led to the prestigious NHMRC Clinical postgraduate Scholarship.

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