



## A/Prof Tom Ford

**A/Prof Tom Ford** MBChB (Hons), PhD, MRCP, FRACP, FCSANZ is a patient centred Interventional Cardiologist living on the Central Coast, NSW. He is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Newcastle and the current National Young Ambassador for Australia to the European Association of Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (EAPCI).

Tom was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and attended the University of Dundee qualifying in 2007 receiving the University Medal (Captain WA Low Prize and Medal). He completed further medical training in Edinburgh where he gained Membership of the Royal College of Physicians before emigrating to Australia in 2010. He trained as a cardiologist in Sydney's Prince of Wales and St George Hospitals and qualified as a specialist in 2015 (FRACP).

A/Prof Ford recently completed 3 additional years of Interventional Cardiology training in Glasgow. He is a high-volume complex PCI operator working almost exclusively via the wrist (radial artery). Continuity of care for his patients is assured with work in both local public and private hospitals. He feels privileged to be part of the small team instigating and supporting 24/7 primary PCI for STEMI and emergency heart interventions for the Central Coast.

He is passionate about complex coronary disease and is a proctor for rotablation (calcium drilling) regularly performing lists on patients too high risk for open heart surgery. He is a registered Australian TAVI practitioner with expertise in

- Chest pain (angina) and breathlessness
- Heart attacks
- Heart failure
- Heart valve disease (e.g. aortic stenosis)
- Structural heart interventions including TAVI, percutaneous closure of patent foramen ovale (PFO) / atrial septal defects (ASD).
- Chronic total occlusions (CTO)
- Complex long term blockages.

### Referrals:

Dr Ford is now consulting on the Central Coast in North Gosford and Kanwal. His practice is on Argus.

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