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Make an appointment to watch *Ask The Doctor* on ABC & ABC iview



(LtoR Dr. Shalin Naik, Dr. Renee Lim, and Dr. Sandro Demaio)

ABC announces that the 12-part factual series ***Ask The Doctor***, will premiere on Tuesday 16 May at 8pm on ABC and ABC iview.

What's the one thing that we all wish we could preserve forever? No, it's not the bank balance, our first love or grandma's best recipes. It's our health.

Produced by WTFN, ***Ask The Doctor*** is an innovative, fun and exploratory factual series that addresses the state of the nation's health, the latest in medical treatments and the future of healthcare as we know it.

Our trio of accomplished Aussie doctors, Dr. Shalin Naik, Dr. Renee Lim, and Dr. Sandro Demaio, travel the country to tackle our big health questions, bust medical myths and uncover the wonders of the human body. Here to answer Australian's health questions from how to treat the common cold to how much alcohol to drink, our medical experts deliver reliable, up-to-date medical advice to help people live healthy lives.

Each of the 12x30 minute episodes features a different theme ranging from diet, to pain, to sexual health to allergies. From the bedroom to the science laboratory, the dinner table to the operating table, we take a peek behind the medical curtain and explore both the most common and the most uncommon health concerns. We learn what the leading experts in their fields are discovering and witness firsthand the advances they're making in medical technology and treatments.

Join the doctors each Tuesday at 8pm, as they answer the health questions of the Australian public and deliver the latest in medical advice in a relatable, entertaining, and factual way.

Meet the Doctors:

Dr. Shalin Naik (PhD, BSc) has achieved some of the highest honours in his field of immunology and developmental biology. After his early work as a research assistant in the UK, he did his PhD in Melbourne studying dendritic cells, the “James Bond” of the immune system. He spent six years in Amsterdam working on stem cells, in between hanging out in some of the coolest cities in Europe. He’s a recipient of the Victorian Government’s Premier’s Commendation for Medical Research, was awarded Young Tall Poppy of the Year by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science and has published in some of the top scientific journals. He currently runs a cutting-edge stem cell research laboratory at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, is a regular speaker on the international circuit, is a member of major international scientific bodies, and is known to break out in song at friends’ weddings, work parties or when the mood takes him.

Dr. Renee Lim (MBBS) is a locum doctor who works in emergency, geriatrics, and palliative care. She is passionate about engaging and educating others in all facets of health communication, empathy and resilience and is a regular presenter of these topics in the medical field. Renee works at the University of Sydney, and UNSW in medical education research and implementing the medical school curriculum as well as an award-winning lecturer. She is also the Director of Program Development at the Pam McLean Centre and is the Health Grants Advisor to the Paul Ramsay Foundation. Creatively, Renee also works as a producer, writer, and actress. Renee maintains that she does still have free time.

Dr. Sandro Demaio (MBBS, MPH, PhD) is an Australian doctor who now calls Geneva, Switzerland ‘home’. His passion and expertise in medicine focuses on disease prevention and all aspects of global health. Harvard-educated Sandro has a Masters in Public Health and a PhD in Global Health (Epidemiology and Policy). Formerly an Assistant Professor and Course Director at the University of Copenhagen’s School of Global Health, Sandro shares his knowledge at international conferences, medical science universities, and seminars in global health. Sandro was a 2008 finalist for the Young Australian of the Year award. He’s since taught public health in a Mongolian yurt while advising the government on public health policies, and has worked as a medical doctor on the Australian Medical Mission for tsunami aid work. Sandro is a TEDMed Frontline Scholarship Fellow and now works on a global level as a medical officer for noncommunicable conditions, nutrition, childhood obesity, and malnutrition. Sandro loves food, so much so that in 2015 he founded a festival that celebrated food, community, and future in his hometown of Melbourne. He’s also a self-proclaimed gourmet chef.

We’ve asked the Australian public to get involved in the conversation, sharing their burning health questions via **#AsktheDoctor**

Ask The Doctor is a WTFN production, developed and produced in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and produced with the assistance of Film Victoria. Executive Producer: Ariel White, Series Producer: Ged Wood. ABC Commissioning Editor: Julie Hanna, ABC Head of Factual: Steve Bibb.



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