



OUR DOCTORS

Dr Juanita Pappalardo **BPharm MBBS FRANZCO**

Ophthalmologist



Dr Pappalardo began her medical studies at the University of Queensland School of Medicine, where she was awarded an MBBS with First Class Honours and a University Medal in Medicine. She completed her internship and residency at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane before undertaking her ophthalmology residency at the City Eye Centre and the Mater Adult's and Mater Children's Hospitals in Brisbane.

Dr Pappalardo then underwent specialist Ophthalmology training, rotating through major ophthalmology units within Brisbane and the Gold Coast. During her training, she was awarded the prestigious Filipic Greer Medal for overall outstanding performance in Ophthalmic Pathology in Australia and New Zealand.

Throughout her Fellowship, Dr Pappalardo has undertaken further training in the correct assessment and meticulous surgical management of pterygium with Professor Lawrence Hirst, the pioneer of the P.E.R.F.E.C.T for PTERYGIUM @ procedure, and this is a particular area of interest she maintains.

She has additionally undergone sub-specialist training in adult and paediatric medical retina and inherited retinal diseases/ophthalmic genetics at the Lions Eye Institute in Perth under the mentorship of Dr Fred Chen. She has experience in ocular oncology, furthered through training at the Queensland Ocular Oncology Service.

Dr Pappalardo consults privately at Valley Eye Specialists in Fortitude Valley, and is a Visiting Medical Officer at the Queensland Children's Hospital where she provides an Ocular Genetics service and actively participates in registrar teaching.

Having recently published in international journals in the field of ocular genetics, Dr Pappalardo maintains a keen and ongoing interest in research. She also likes to attempt to balance out her busy weeks by spending time with her husband four children – mostly by enjoying the great outdoors.

Dr Pappalardo's areas of particular interest include:

- Pterygium surgery
- Cataract surgery
- Glaucoma
- Macular degeneration
- Diabetic eye disease
- Inherited retinal diseases
- General adult and paediatric ophthalmic conditions

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