

Hi, I am known as Jags, but my full name is Jagadish Krishnan. I am a GP in Perth and I own a few practices. I take immense pride in being a GP.

In the past, I have been a leader of both medical and non-medical organisations. In the last decade, I have been actively involved with IMG study groups, an examiner for the RACGP college and now I have progressed to be a QA examiner. One of the highlights in this role for me, is to teach rural GPs through Rural Health West. Further to this, I am a director and a founding member of the Australian GP Alliance.

Every GP in Australia makes a significant contribution towards creating and maintaining the good health of Australians. General Practitioners are the ones responsible for not only diagnosing problems, but preventing them.

There is a vast pressure from policy makers on all of us. The new Health Care Home, the new Practice Incentive Payment structure; the Medicare freeze; the changes to the pathology legislation are all monumental changes and a threat to our profession. We work incredibly hard to create and maintain a healthy Australia; it goes beyond doubt that investment in primary care is the best investment.

The lack of funding, recognition and appreciation for our profession, needs addressing urgently. We have a great responsibility in nurturing the next generation of GPs to continue to provide better health in the world, starting with the best in Australia. Medical industry needs unity and a unified voice. My aim is to bring all our GP groups together to make policy makers hear our concerns and provide the best Health Care possible.

I take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to the better Health of every Australian, as a proud GP.