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Dr Dale Murdoch is a General and Interventional Cardiologist practising at St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside, Brisbane, with an academic appointment as Senior Lecturer in Medicine at The University of Queensland.

Dr Murdoch specialises in the management of complex structural and coronary heart disease, with a particular focus on advanced transcatheter therapies.

His clinical practice encompasses a broad range of innovative procedures, including transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI), valve-in-valve procedures, and transcatheter mitral valve repair. He specialises in treating holes or leaks in the heart, such as atrial septal defects, patent foramen ovale, and other structural heart issues. He is also experienced in using advanced temporary heart pumps that support blood circulation when the heart is too weak, such as during high-risk procedures, or in cases of severe heart failure, helping patients get the critical support they need when it matters most.



After completing a Bachelor of Science in Anatomical and Biomedical Sciences, and a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at The University of Queensland, Dr Murdoch undertook cardiology training in Brisbane before being awarded Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2013. He went on to complete advanced interventional cardiology fellowships at The Prince Charles Hospital and at St Paul's Hospital, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, where he trained in cutting-edge techniques for coronary and structural interventions.

Alongside his clinical and research roles, Dr Murdoch is actively engaged in teaching and mentoring through his position as Senior Lecturer at The University of Queensland, where he supervises junior doctors and cardiology trainees, educating the next generation of cardiologists and interventional specialists. He is an active member of the Heart Valve Program at St Vincent's Northside, Brisbane, and is committed to advancing patient care, promoting innovation, and improving outcomes for people living with complex cardiac conditions.

Through his combined expertise in clinical practice, research, and education, Dr Murdoch is recognised as a leader in interventional cardiology in Australia. His work continues to influence best practice across the field, ensuring patients receive world-class, compassionate, and cutting-edge care.

"Lengthy delays in the approval and funding of interventional cardiology devices in Australia are increasingly resulting in suboptimal patient outcomes. While rigorous regulatory oversight and careful evaluation are essential to ensure patient safety and cost-effectiveness, the current processes are excessively protracted, often lagging years behind international adoption. As a result,

Australian patients are denied timely access to proven, life-saving technologies that are already standard of care in comparable health systems," said Dr Murdoch.

"Interventional cardiology is a rapidly advancing field, driven by continual innovation and robust clinical evidence. However, the slow pace of device approval and reimbursement undermines the very purpose of these advances – improving survival, quality of life, and procedural safety.

"Delays in access to technologies, such as next-generation transcatheter valves, left atrial appendage occluders, and mechanical circulatory support devices, can translate directly into preventable morbidity and mortality, as well as inefficiencies in health service delivery," Dr Murdoch said.

"A better balance is urgently needed. Australia's regulatory and funding frameworks must maintain appropriate scrutiny while introducing mechanisms for accelerated assessment and conditional funding of devices with strong evidence and established international use.

"Streamlining evaluation processes, aligning with trusted international regulatory bodies, and fostering collaboration between clinicians, industry, and policymakers would allow Australians to benefit from innovation without compromising safety, restoring the balance between caution and timely care," said Dr Murdoch.

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