

## **Professor Jayme Bennetts BMBS FRACS FCSANZ**

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Professor Jayme Bennetts is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Victorian Heart Hospital and Monash Health, Melbourne.

He leads the Victorian Heart Hospital's cardiac surgical services – the first dedicated cardiac hospital in Australia – providing life-extending or life-saving operations for patients living with complex cardiovascular disease.

He is also Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at both Monash University and Flinders University, and the Clinical Lead of the Cardiothoracic Research Group at the Victorian Heart Institute.



Prof Bennetts has made significant contributions to improving outcomes of cardiac surgery in Indigenous Australians, particularly in rheumatic valve disease, and continues to focus on advancing outcomes in cardiac surgery more broadly.

His expertise spans the full breadth of adult cardiac surgery, including coronary artery bypass grafting, complex heart valve repair and replacement, aortic surgery. His work is recognised for combining technical precision with compassionate, patient-focused care.

In addition to his academic and clinical leadership, Prof Bennetts sits on multiple advisory boards and government committees both locally, and internationally. He has played a central role in advancing cardiac surgery policy and practice, including leading reforms in the introduction of transcatheter heart valve therapies, the review of the Medical Benefits Scheme, and the restructure of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons (ANZSCTS) National Registries.

Prof Bennetts has a long history with clinical use of new and improved technologies across all areas of cardiac surgery. He also has an extensive contribution to assessment, policy, and regulatory pathways to introduce these therapies in a safe and timely manner.

“Currently, Australians are experiencing delays in accessing potentially better and more durable prostheses and devices already improved in other jurisdictions internationally. This potentially means

Australians are not being provided the best quality care while we await approval of these products locally," said Prof Bennetts.

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