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Junior doctors jump into medical careers

More than 100 new doctors have begun the first phase of their careers, joining south western Sydney hospitals as interns.

The doctors, part of this year's record intake of 999, up from 992 in 2017, will work across Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals in a variety of disciplines.

Dr Pierre Goorkiz, who has started work at Liverpool Hospital, said he had found his initial experience working in the emergency department enjoyable and a great opportunity.

"I'm definitely learning a lot in ED, the senior staff have been such good teachers, they really take the time to teach you," he said.

Dr Goorkiz, of Camden, studied at Western Sydney University, and said he was keen to give back to the community.

"Liverpool was my first choice because I am looking at doing anaesthetics and Liverpool Hospital is the best for critical care," he said.

Throughout the year 46 interns will work at Bankstown-Lidcombe and Campbelltown Hospitals and 57 will work between Liverpool and Fairfield Hospitals.

Ms Amanda Larkin, South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive, welcomed the new doctors and encouraged them to make the most of every opportunity.

"Our hospitals provide world class training grounds for young doctors and we have some of the best clinicians in Australia who are keen to share their knowledge with the next generation," she said.

Ms Larkin said cutting-edge treatments and research, like robotic surgery and the advancements made possible by the Molecular Science Cyclotron Facility, were drawcards to young doctors.

"There are so many opportunities for our new young doctors to learn everything they can in the first year and in the years to come," she said.

"I am proud of interns like Dr Goorkiz who have actively chosen to remain in south western Sydney to continue their training."

She said the location of Western Sydney University's Macarthur Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital also encouraged students like Dr Goorkiz to begin their careers in south western Sydney.