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Future doctors for the south west

South Western Sydney Local Health District has welcomed 108 new doctors, who were part of the new intake of interns commencing across the state.

Sydney's fastest growing region is a haven for medical graduates with its teaching excellence and innovation a drawcard for the state's medical graduates.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Health Brad Hazzard visited Liverpool Hospital last week to welcome the new interns.

"Interns are a vital part of the professional team at the frontline of the health system," South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said.

"We are very happy to greet this new team of enthusiastic and talented doctors who want to make a difference, and develop their skills in the public health system."

Ms Larkin said the new interns will be employed across Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals working in a variety of disciplines.

NSW with 1021 intern positions - up from 999 last year - has more intern positions than any other state or territory, up 251 positions – or 32 per cent – since 2011.

Liverpool Hospital intern Dr Edward Dababneh's pathway to medicine was spurred on when his uncle, Zuhair Dababneh, received a kidney transplant in 2008.

Dr Bruce Cleland, a nephrologist who works for the South Western Sydney Local Health District, was the renal physician who saved his life with the transplant.

"What Dr Cleland did remains nothing short of a miracle. My uncle often refers to him as an angel," Dr Dababneh said.

"He inspired me to one day have my own patients and to strive to make lasting impacts on their lives."

Dr Dababneh, of Bonnyrigg Heights, said the ultimate gratification after seven years of study was spending his first term in medicine under the supervision of Dr Cleland at Liverpool Hospital.

The NSW Government invests around \$107 million on our internship program each year.

During their one-year internship, the graduates will complete compulsory terms in the specialties of medicine, surgery and emergency as required by the Medical Board of Australia.

The 2018/19 State Budget has added 1,370 health staff, including 300 medical practitioners, 950 nurses and midwives and 120 allied health professionals – resulting in a record frontline clinical and clinical support staff of over 105,000 people.