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Dr Krispin Hajkowicz will officially commence as Queensland's Chief Health Officer on 1 November 2021.



After graduating from the University of Queensland in 1999, he worked at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH), and in Rockhampton and Gympie before completing specialist Infectious Diseases training in Sydney and Darwin. He returned to RBWH in 2012 and worked extensively in clinical roles in the public and private hospital system, including infectious diseases, HIV, general medicine and hospital-in-the-home.

He became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2009, with qualifications in both Infectious Diseases and General Medicine and Acute Care. He received a Master of Public Health (Infectious Diseases Control) from the University of New South Wales and is an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research. He is an Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT) member and Executive Leadership Program Graduate.

Dr Hajkowicz led hospital responses to the H1N1 '09 influenza, Ebola virus disease and Zika virus pandemics, as well as managing the emergence of multi-drug resistant bacterial infections. He also played a key role in the introduction of new treatments for HIV and hepatitis C virus infection.

As Director of the Infectious Diseases Unit at RBWH and the Acting Director of the COVID-19 Service, in 2020 and 2021, Dr Hajkowicz led RBWH's response to COVID-19, including clinical management of people with COVID-19, infection control, novel therapeutics and vaccination. His contribution was acknowledged with a 2020 Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) Staff Excellence Award for Leadership.

He founded the Queensland Statewide Antimicrobial Stewardship Program – a service that assists rural and remote clinicians in the optimal use of antibiotics; the Herston Infectious Diseases Institute – a clinical, research and educational collaboration of MNHHS that translates infectious diseases research into meaningful outcomes for patients; and the Queensland Adult Specialist Immunisation Service – an expert clinic supporting complex issues related to COVID-19 and other adult vaccinations.

Dr Hajkowicz has an extensive research track record, including 27 publications in medical journals and has written three book chapters. He is the recipient of several major research grants. He has supervised dozens of postgraduate trainees and higher-research degree candidates.

He is an enthusiastic trail ultra-marathon runner and football tragic.

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From: Emily Arlidge
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To: Jon Persley; Shane Doherty
Subject: Post text for new CHO

Meet Queensland's new Chief Health Officer Dr Krispin Hajkowicz

He'll take over from Dr Jeannette Young on November 1.

Dr Hajkowicz is an infectious diseases and pandemic expert who's already managed more than 200 COVID-19 patients as the Director of Infectious Diseases at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

We searched far and wide for Dr Young's replacement: an extensive recruitment process was undertaken which started back in July.

Dr Young says her successor is extremely qualified for the job after being on the frontline managing pandemics for more than a decade including the 2009 influenza pandemic, Ebola and Zika.

Queensland is in very safe hands.

COMMENT

Queensland is in very safe hands. Dr Hajkowicz has considerable knowledge and frontline expertise of the COVID-19 virus and in dealing with a pandemic. He will have also three new Deputy Chief Health Officers who all have extensive experience there to also assist him.



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Subject: NEW CHO APPOINTMENT
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Hi team... have made some tweaks to the media release... please find attached.



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The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

5 October 2021

Krispin Hajkowicz appointed Queensland's new Chief Health Officer

Dr Krispin Hajkowicz will be Queensland's new Chief Health Officer, commencing on 1 November 2021.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk welcomed the appointment, saying Dr Hajkowicz would continue to help guide Queensland out of the pandemic.

"Queensland's strong health response has kept us safe and kept our economy open as we deliver the state's plan for economic recovery from COVID-19," the Premier said.

"I know Dr Hajkowicz will continue the excellent work of our outgoing Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young.

"Dr Hajkowicz is a highly respected infectious diseases and pandemic expert who can keep delivering that strong health response.

"He has managed more than two hundred COVID-19 patients as director of infectious diseases at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

"Queenslanders have been coming out in droves to get vaccinated, and continuing to drive vaccine uptake will be a focus for Dr Hajkowicz over the coming months."

Dr Hajkowicz graduated from the University of Queensland in 1999 and worked in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Gympie, before completing his specialist training in Sydney and Darwin.

He has been on the front-line managing pandemics for more than a decade, including the 2009 influenza pandemic, Ebola and Zika.

He is an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research and holds a Masters Degree in Public Health.

In 2016, Dr Hajkowicz established the Queensland Statewide Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, which provides an advice service for clinicians and plays a vital role in the preservation of antibiotics in Queensland. He also established the Queensland Adult Specialist Immunisation Service and the Herston Infectious Diseases Institute.

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Yvette D'Ath said she looked forward to working closely with Dr Hajkowicz as Queensland turned its attention to life beyond the pandemic.

"COVID-19 will be with us for some time and the key is increasing vaccination rates," the Minister said.

"Dr Hajkowicz, with his extensive work on COVID-19, is ideally placed to ensure vaccination rates are maximised and the hospital system is prepared to care for clinical cases of COVID-19 in the future."

Donna O'Donoghue

From: Rebecca Duke
Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 11:30 AM
To: @Premiers.Social; @Premiers Media
Subject: New Chief Health Officer Photos

Hi All,

Please see here a link to today's photos from the Press Conference as well as some individuals and group shots of the new Chief Health Officer, Dr Krispin Hajkowicz:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pqzuumr9c1pf86k/AACFT8-iKbcSDg6hyMLS4cQ-a?dl=0>

Any issues please let me know.

Many thanks,
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