

## A HEALTHY TRADE

When Dr Edgel Garcia devised a business plan for a new medical practice in Townsville, he had no idea how successful it would so quickly be.

A Townsville local for 12 years, Douglas Family Medical Centre Principal Doctor Edgel Garcia can take a big breath now that his practice is up and running... or racing we should say!

"The practice officially opened in November last year and we now have over 2,500 patients in our books for three months of trading," Practice Manager Jeremy Kuchta revealed.

"This clinic is taking a different approach to genuine medical support. Our patients feel respected and we encourage feedback. Over the past couple months, we've received nothing but positive and reassuring comments from the majority."

Years in the making, business entrepreneur Jeremy teamed up with his in-laws, Dr Garcia and wife Dr Zoe Martinez, now company owners and the clinic's GPs, to build his business model into a community clinic with services and support that reach far beyond the parameters of the 4814 postcode.

"A lot of patients that visit the clinic are impressed by the high level of support and services we offer as a bulk-billed clinic," Jeremy explained.

"Both GPs have patients who travel to see them from Ayr and upwards of Mission beach. They really take the time to properly discuss the individual situations

and assess them appropriately."

The Cuban-born husband and wife medical team spent 10 years in South Africa practicing out of a large, remote hospital. Since coming to Townsville, Dr Martinez is adding to her credentials with further studies undertaken in skin cancer surgery procedures.

"We do believe that this practice is the best in the business for genuine medical treatment in the Townsville and surrounds region," Jeremy stated.

"We are also one of the only clinics that offers bulk-billed Mirena insertion and removal as well as skin checks, child health, mental health support, work cover and DVA."

No matter where you live, you can make an appointment online today.



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