



## Junior Doctor of the Year 2024

### Dr William Choy

Dr Choy is a PGY 1 intern and has made significant contributions not only to the cohort of interns but also to Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH).

Individually, within terms, Dr Choy has contributed to handover documents to help demystify the General Medicine and Renal terms for other juniors. He also created an 'Internship Survival Guide' for interns to contribute to over the course of the year to pass down to future cohorts.

Dr Choy is the Intern representative on the Northern Territory (Top End) Trainee Committee, advocating for the prevocational medical workforce. The committee's work has ranged from minutiae and individual-level advocacy to working with hospital executives on accreditation and standardisation processes.

Dr Choy is also co-leading a pilot program to introduce the Aboriginal language Yolŋgu Matha into the internship curriculum. With Yolŋgu Matha elders, and academics at Charles Darwin University, his team have designed a new language curriculum designed to equip interns to conduct meaningful conversations and consultations with Yolŋgu speakers. Recognising the importance of language to effective practice, the aim is for the pilot program to be rolled out across NT Health following a trial with the Interns.

Dr Choy has long been passionate about improving education and training in rural health. His Honours thesis examined discrepancies and shortcomings in rural medical education. To achieve this, he surveyed every Rural Clinical School in Australia between 2021 and 2022. This work, which is being considered for publication, was also presented at domestic and international conferences.

Dr Choy has demonstrated exceptional motivation and drive and a deep commitment to health equity and community empowerment and is deeply committed to empowering First Nations communities and has a career ambition to improve health equity in remote Australia as a clinician, researcher, and advocate.