



# Doctor Profile

## Gastroenterology

### Associate Professor Britt Christensen

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Associate Professor Britt Christensen is a gastroenterologist who combines public practice at The Royal Melbourne Hospital as Head of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Department and private practice in East Melbourne.

She studied medicine at the University of Melbourne, graduating with honours and completed a Master of Public Health at Monash University, for which she was awarded a Medal of Academic Excellence. Subsequently, she was awarded the Joseph B. Kirsner fellowship and spent over 2 years undertaking advanced training in IBD at the prestigious University of Chicago Department of Medicine, one of the largest and most prominent IBD centres in the world. Whilst there she also completed her PhD looking at histological outcomes and novel therapies in IBD. She has undergone further sub-specialty training in intestinal and perineal ultrasound training at Luigi Sacco Hospital in Milan, Italy and IBD and familial bowel cancer at the Amsterdam University Medical Centre, Netherlands.

Britt has a current research interest focusing on mucosal and transmural healing, intestinal and perineal ultrasound in IBD, management of perianal fistulas, pregnancy and IBD and new inflammatory pathways of IBD.

She has been Chair of the IBD executive committee for the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GES), a board member of GES and the scientific lead for the international bowel ultrasound group. She currently supervises several PhD students and runs an IBD clinical and research fellowship at Royal Melbourne Hospital. She is frequently invited to speak both nationally and internationally on IBD, has authored multiple book chapters on IBD and is a reviewer for many of the top journals in the field of Gastroenterology. In 2023, along with Dr Tamara Mogilevski, she co-founded The Melbourne Gut Clinic with the aim of bringing holistic, multi-disciplinary care to her patients.

#### **Areas of interest:**

- Inflammatory bowel diseases
- Crohn's disease
- Ulcerative colitis
- Iron deficiency
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Bowel cancer screening
- Coeliac disease and
- Liver disorders

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