



Welcome

Neurosurgical Associates manage all neurosurgical conditions, both cranial and spinal, with special interest in surgery for tumours, epilepsy, aneurysms and other vascular malformation as well as minimally invasive spinal surgery.

Our practice is committed to providing the highest quality care to our patients, treating each with courtesy and compassion.

Hospitals

Mr Thien operates at Epworth Private Hospital, St Vincent's Private Hospital and St Vincent's Public Hospital.

For those patients who are uninsured, Mr Thien operates at St Vincent's Public Hospital and would be happy to place you on the waiting list there. Unfortunately, as is well known, the waiting times can be long and are beyond Mr Thien's control.

Country Patients

For patients coming from country areas requiring accommodation whilst in Melbourne, please phone our main rooms on 03 9421 0355 to discuss suitable local hotel/motel accommodation. Travel Assistance Forms are available from your referring doctor. Please bring this form with you to your appointment for Mr Thien to complete the relevant section.

Referrals

Your referral must be current to receive the maximum Medicare rebate. It is the patient's responsibility to ensure that the referral is current. Referrals from GPs last 12 months. Referrals from specialists are valid for 3 months only. Please note that it is illegal under Medicare rules for your doctor to backdate a referral.

Location

The Epworth Centre

Level 8, Suite 2, 32 Erin Street, Richmond VIC 3121

Appointments

For all appointments and general enquiries please call: **03 9421 0355**

or email enquiries@neurosurgicalassociates.com.au

More information can be found at: www.neurosurgicalassociates.com.au

Telehealth appointments via Zoom are available to all patients.



Christopher Thien

MBBS (Hons) FRACS

Neurosurgeon



Mr Christopher Thien graduated from Monash University with honours in 1985. After his internship at the Alfred Hospital, he spent two years working in surgical research for the Alfred Hospital Department of Surgery and Monash University. This was followed by three years of general surgery resident and registrar positions. He commenced neurosurgery training in 1992 and completed this in 1995, becoming a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons.

Further specialist training was undertaken via a fellowship in epilepsy surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington from 1996–97. During this period, Mr Thien combined working as an attending neurosurgeon at the Children's Hospital and Medical Centre with teaching responsibilities as an instructor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Washington.

Mr Thien returned to Melbourne to commence practice as a consultant neurosurgeon in 1997. He operates at the Epworth Hospital, St Vincent's Public Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital. His main rooms are at The Epworth Centre and he is also able to service all patients via Telehealth Zoom appointments. He is a member of the Victorian Road Fatalities Trauma Committee reviewing state deaths resulting from road traffic accidents.

Mr Thien manages all neurosurgical conditions, both cranial and spinal. He has a special interest in neurovascular surgery as well as intracranial tumours and epilepsy. The focus of his spinal surgery is a minimally invasive approach, though sometimes more complex reconstructive spinal surgery is required.

Through his appointment at St Vincent's Hospital, Mr Thien is actively involved in the under-graduate teaching of medical students and the post-graduate training of neurosurgical residents and registrars.

Mr Thien is fluent in Cantonese, Malay, Hakka and Mandarin.

Memberships

- Australian Chinese Medical Association of Victoria
- Australian Medical Association
- Neurosurgical Society of Australia
- Spine Society of Australia

Affiliations

- Angliss Hospital
- Box Hill Hospital
- Epworth Hospital
- Maroondah Hospital
- Murray Valley Private Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital
- St Vincent's Private Hospital Melbourne