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Dominic Barbaro was born in Italy in 1946 and immigrated to Australia 1961. He graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1970. Dr Barbaro established his own general practice with Dr. A J Portelli in Lalor in 1973, which expanded into a practice with five GPs and FMP trainees (1973-88 and 1993-95). Dr Barbaro was Area Coordinator for the Family Medical Program from 1976-1988 through which established ongoing continuing medical education for GPs at PANCH and Reservoir Private Hospital.

Together with the other partners in the Lalor practice, Dr Barbaro has been providing care for the residents of the San Carlo Home for the Aged since it opened in 1975 (and board member from 1982-1987) and more recently, the St Francis of Assisi Hostel (board member 1992-1995). He has supported many Italian service organisations for example as a board member of *Co.As.It.*, an Italian welfare organisation since 1985, a member of the planning committee for care of Italian Aged, a member of the taskforce for Italian Aged Care in Victoria and a board member of the Central Health Interpreters Service Victoria since 1992. Dr Barbaro has also been involved in various health promotions and educational activities for the Italian community.

Dr Barbaro has had various professional roles with a range of health and aged care committees and organisations. He is well-known as one of the early leaders in the Divisions Program in Victoria, having been the Chairman of the AMA's Northern Division from its establishment taking a leading role in the many debates about the purpose and potential of the program in its early days. He has been a member of the AMA Victorian Council and the AMA representative to the Victorian Medical Postgraduate Foundation. He has served on many committees and groups including Executive Director of the Northern Divisions of General Practice (1993-2000), the Medical Advisory Board Northpark Hospital (1990-2002), the RACGP Panel of Examiners (since 1985), State Assessment Panel (1992-1996) to name just a few.

In 2008 Dr Barbaro became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to medicine as a GP, through professional roles with health and aged care organisations and to the Italian community and in the same year received Italy's equivalent recognition *Cavaliere Ordine al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana*. He has been a committee member of VMBA since 1988 and was elected President in 2009.