You are invited to attend a Central Clinical School public lecture at the AMREP Lecture theatre on surgical treatment for obesity.

Obesity is the most prevalent disease in Australia affecting 28% of the adult population and has become our most important health care challenge. Prevention would be the ideal, however, effective treatment options are desperately needed for those already suffering. Bariatric (weight loss) surgery is currently the most predictably effective treatment for obesity. These procedures help to manage a person’s appetite and enable them to manage their weight into the long term. Importantly, the weight loss achieved from bariatric surgery leads to significant health gains for the individual and cost savings for the community.

This lecture will review the disease of obesity, describe the role of bariatric surgery as an effective treatment option and potential model for future treatments. Challenges and barriers to providing bariatric surgery at a population level will also be addressed.

About our speaker:

Professor Wendy Brown is an Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon. She is Chair of the Monash University Department of Surgery at the Alfred Hospital, Director of the Monash University Centre for Obesity Research and Education and Clinical Director of the National Bariatric Surgery Registry and Victorian State Upper GI Cancer Registry. She was awarded the prestigious RACS John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship for Surgical Research Excellence in 2018.