

**Dr Darryl Bassett, MB, BS, BSc, FRANZCP, MSc, Dip Psychotherapy
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Dr Darryl Bassett is a vastly experienced Consultant Psychiatrist at Hollywood Specialist Centre, Nedlands, Perth. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Western Australia.

Dr Bassett graduated in science and medicine at the University of Queensland in 1974 and following several years of practice in general medicine, he trained in psychiatry at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Adelaide. He obtained further qualifications in psychotherapy at the University of Adelaide and neuroscience at the Universities of Maastricht and Florence.

His clinical work has covered depression and bipolar disorders, psychological illness associated with general medical disorders, psychological therapies and the use of medications in mental illness.

Dr Bassett's research interests have included the response to facial emotion in schizophrenia, the chronic pain/depression interface, abnormal illness behaviour, the process of psychological therapies and the pathophysiology of major mood disorders (particularly bipolar disorders).

Having worked in both private and public psychiatric practice, Dr Bassett is passionate about improving patient outcomes. He is supporting the *Australian Genetics of Bipolar Disorder Study* – a ground-breaking international collaboration exploring the genetic risk factors associated with the illness, and how genes influence one's response to treatment – to help recruit volunteers across Western Australia.

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To coordinate an interview with Dr Bassett, please contact Kirsten Bruce or Holly Hamilton from VIVA! Communications on 0401 717 566 / 0434 799 839.