

Docceros – Australian medical football team



They are a doctors-only football team, and each year they travel the world playing in the international World Medical Football Championships.

Meet the Docceros, a football-mad bunch of medicos, who, when not seeing up to 30 patients a day, like to release their ‘frustrated inner sportsman’.

Founded by Brisbane-based GP, Dr Alan Jones in 2003, the Docceros entered their first competition at the international medical football tournament, which is hosted in a different country each year. It wasn't until the following year that the Docceros scored their first goal. In 2007 it was their turn to host the international competition, which was held on the Gold Coast.

The traditional 11-a-side team has had a professional coach since 2005. The best placing the Docceros have had to date is fourth in 2007 and again in 2009. This year a new team has been added to play in the Masters Tournament, comprising a seven-a-side team of over 45s.

Docceros team members represent a range of specialties, including General Practitioners, Accident & Emergency specialists, surgeons and medical physicians. There are 24 players in the traditional team and 11 players in the seven-a-side team.

The Docceros are off to Brazil for the 2014 Championship which will be held at the end of the first round stage of the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Teams involved in the traditional side Cup include Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom and USA, while Australia, Brazil, Germany, Lithuania, Spain and the USA will also play in the seven-a-side Cup.

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