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RHW Staff Profile

Eva Durna



Who would have thought that one of Australia's leading reproductive medicine experts also has a passion for writing poetry and a long held desire to be a professional ice skater, should a career change be needed.

The latter is unlikely, considering Eva Durna's critical role as Clinical Nurse Consultant and Unit Manager at The

Royal's Department of Reproductive Medicine. As for the former, Eva has already published "Prometheus in Prague", a book of poetry and prose.

Eva arrived in Australia from Czechoslovakia in 1968 and in 1982, joined the The Royal's Fertility Clinic as a Registered Nurse and hasn't looked back.

Since then, her role has changed enormously, due to continuing education, which Eva says, "The Royal has very generously supported". In 1997 Eva completed her Masters Degree in Bioethics at UTS, Sydney and in 2003, completed her PhD in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the UNSW with a thesis on "The Use of Hormone Therapy in Women with Breast Cancer".

Every month, the Department of Reproductive Medicine sees approximately 300 infertile couples, investigating their infertility and presenting treatment options. Remarkably, the Unit's Donor Insemination Program has seen 1000 babies born. Most rewarding for Eva is, of course, seeing women become pregnant but also "seeing women who were unsuccessful being able to look back, be happy with where they're at and appreciate what's been done for them," says Eva.

Eva has published and presented her own research in Australia, Europe, the USA and South America. The most notable of this is her continuing research into "Ethical Issues Concerning Donor Insemination Families", for which the Fertility Society of Australia awarded her first prize for best research paper.

What does she love about the Royal? "It's an incredible hospital - so supportive of its staff and everyone is so friendly and supportive of each other", says Eva. Eva's team still hears from some of its oldest patients. One, in particular, sends a card thanking Eva for changing her life by giving her two children - 20 years on.

Unfortunately for Eva, but most fortunate for many infertile couples she will continue to help, the chance to put on her ice skates full time may have to wait for another lifetime!