

Curriculum Vitae

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Introduction

I am an experienced Specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and my qualifications include Fellowships of both the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), London, and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG).

Following my postgraduate specialist training in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, I have practiced continuously as a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in New Zealand and Australia since 1997. I provide pregnancy and birth care to low and high-risk pregnant women and I am experienced in all aspects of care provided in maternity units, including:

- ✓ Outpatient management including the interpretation of laboratory tests and ultrasound studies,
- ✓ Inpatient management including the services of the Delivery / Birthing Unit and the Operating Theatre (OT),
- ✓ Team based high risk medical obstetric care involving anaesthetists, physicians, and other medical professionals,
- ✓ Appropriate interdisciplinary collaboration with non-medical professionals including my midwifery colleagues,
- ✓ Supervision and teaching of Junior Medical Officers in Obstetrics, and
- ✓ Management of maternal, obstetric, and neonatal emergencies.

My clinical practice has always been focused almost entirely on low and high-risk maternity care. As my gynaecology practice is comparatively limited, I do not provide medicolegal opinions regarding gynaecology matters.

In addition to my continuous clinical practice, over the course of my career I have held several clinical leadership roles at service, hospital, district, and national levels. A key focus of all of those roles has been leading the provision of high-quality maternity (and other health) services. I have led the auditing and improvement of maternity outcomes at local, regional, and trans-Tasman levels.

I am – and always have been – up to date with my clinical RANZCOG Continuing Professional Development (CPD), including:

- ✓ Ongoing participation in regular Morbidity and Mortality (M and M) reviews and meetings,
- ✓ Completion of the Advancing in Maternity Safety (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics) Course in 2018,
- ✓ Completion of the UK based K2 CTG Education Programme in January 2022,
- ✓ Completion of the RANZCOG Fetal Surveillance Education Programme in June 2024, and
- ✓ Currency in adult and neonatal resuscitation.

I have been providing medicolegal opinions since 2000 and in June 2023 I completed the Inspire Medilaw Expert Witness Training in Oxford, United Kingdom.

I was appointed as a Clinical Advisor – Peer Level by the New South Wales Healthcare Complaints Commission (HCCC) in July 2023 and I regularly review cases for that body. In February 2024 I was made an Expert Reviewer for the NSW HCCC. I have appeared on behalf of the NSW HCCC.

I was added to the RANZCOG Expert Witness Register in April 2024 having met the requirements of that Register.

I am regularly involved in the reviewing of significant maternal and newborn morbidity (“near miss”) cases at Prince of Wales Private Hospital, Sydney.

I have provided opinions regarding a matter before the New Zealand Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC). I have provided opinions for, and have appeared before the North London Coroner.

I am currently in ongoing active clinical practice in Obstetrics. I provide antenatal, intrapartum (labour and birth) and postnatal care to women on a continuous basis. In conjunction with the women concerned, I make decisions about the timing and mode of birth of babies in both emergency and non-urgent situations on at least a weekly basis (annual or study leave aside). I conduct those births personally.

In my private practice I have cared for approximately 180 pregnant women per year since 2005. When combined with my public obstetric work it is likely that I have – conservatively – personally performed well over 5,000 births.

I believe that I am appropriately qualified to provide medicolegal opinions and appear in Court in matters relating to all aspects of obstetric care.

More information may be obtained at:

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Education

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- University of Otago
- University of Auckland

Qualifications

1983	Bachelor of Science (BSc), majors Microbiology and Biochemistry University of Otago
1988	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MB ChB) University of Auckland
1990	Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology University of Auckland
1995	Member, Royal New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
1996	Member, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (London)
1996	Fellow, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
2008	Fellow, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (London)

Previous Appointments

1987–1989	House Officer Auckland, North Shore and Middlemore Hospitals, Auckland
1990–1991	Registrar in Paediatrics and Newborn Care Princess Mary and National Women’s Hospitals, Auckland
1992–1993	Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Middlemore and National Women’s Hospitals, Auckland

1994–1995	Visiting Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Wycombe General Hospital, Buckinghamshire, UK
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1996	Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals, London
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1997	Senior Registrar in Perinatology National Women's Hospital, Auckland
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1997–2003	Staff Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology National Women's Hospital, Auckland
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2003–2005	Senior Staff Specialist Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney
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Previous Conjoint Appointments

1998–2000	Clinical Director, Obstetrics National Women's Hospital, Auckland
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2000–2002	Clinical Leader National Women's Hospital, Auckland
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2002–2003	Principal Medical Advisor NZ Ministry of Health
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2003–2005	Director of Obstetrics Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney
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2003–2005	Area Chairman, Maternity and Gynaecology Clinical Division South East Sydney Area Health Service
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2004 to 2022	Conjoint Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology School of Womens and Childrens Health, University of New South Wales, Sydney
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2005 to 2021	Visiting Medical Officer (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) Royal Hospital for Women and The St George Hospital, Sydney
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Current Appointments

2005 to date	Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
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2021 to date

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

Mater Hospital, Sydney

Executive and Board Memberships

- Previous executive member and past president, Women's Hospitals Australasia — www.wha.asn.au
- Previous Member, Australian National Advisory Committee on Maternal Mortality

Clinical Quality and Committees

- Infection Control Committee RHW
- Obstetric Trigger Committee RHW
- POWP Patient Care Review Committee
- POWP Obstetrics and Gynaecology Committee
- POWP Medical Advisory Committee

Research, Audit and Publications

- Auckland stress incontinence surgery audit, 1992. Buist R, Farquhar C. Not published.
- Perinatal morbidity in chronic hypertension. McCowan LME, Buist RG, North RA, Gamble G. Br J Obstet Gynaecol 1996, 103: 123-129
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- Successful Zavanelli manoeuvre for shoulder dystocia with an occipitoposterior position. Buist R, Khalid O. Aust NZ J Obstet Gynaecol 1999; 39: 3: 310–311
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Personal Interests

Running, cooking, reading, movies, writing letters to the editor and music. I am a lifelong fan of The Rolling Stones.

References

The contact details of clinical and legal referees are available on request.