

Credentials

Dr Robert G Buist BSc MBChB FRANZCOG FRCOG

I am a medical practitioner registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

I am an experienced Consultant Obstetrician in active clinical practice and my qualifications include Fellowships of both the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG), and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), London.

In the 1990s I worked in the UK as a Registrar at both a District General Hospital (Wycombe General) and a London Teaching Hospital (Guys and St Thomas').

Following my postgraduate specialist training in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, I have practised 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 on gynaecology matters.

My clinical reputation is exemplary, and I have never had any adverse findings made against me by any authorities, nor have I had my clinical privileges withdrawn from any hospital for any reason.

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 those roles have 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,
- ✓ Frequent attendances at conferences and courses at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London,
- ✓ 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 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 provide approximately 40 formal reports per year. These are approximately 90% for plaintiffs and 10% for defendants although I also provide reports for statutory bodies such as the New South Wales Healthcare Complaints Commission (HCCC), the New Zealand Accident

Compensation Corporation (ACC), and Coroners Services.

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 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 am 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.

My office is in Bondi Junction, Sydney and I deliver babies at Prince of Wales Private Hospital, Randwick, and The Mater Hospital in North Sydney.

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.

Further information may be found at:

www.medicolegalobstetrician.co.uk

www.robhuist.com.au