

Jonathan Serpell

Jonathan Serpell graduated Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Melbourne in 1979. He obtained his fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in 1988 and a Higher Doctorate from Monash University in Medicine in 1998. He obtained Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons in 2002, Certificate of Clinician Performed Ultrasound in 2009, a Master of Education by thesis from the University of Melbourne in 2011, and Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, ad hominin, in 2017. He is a Member of Academy of Master Surgical Educators of the ACS.

He established the Monash University Endocrine Surgery Unit in 2007, the Australian and New Zealand Thyroid Cancer Registry in 2016 and Monash Partners Comprehensive Cancer Consortium in 2015.

His contribution to developing research at Peninsula Health has been recognised by the Professor Jonathan Serpell Prize for excellence in surgical research and endeavour established in 2011 and awarded annually. He is an editorial board member of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Surgery and World Journal of Surgery.

He was awarded two certificates for outstanding service and gold medals for contributions to the fellowship of RACS for roles on the clinical committee of the Board of Basic Surgical Training and Senior Examiner in General Surgery for the exit exam of RACS - both significant educational roles.

He was awarded the ESR Hughes medal for distinguished contributions to surgery by RACS in 2019.

He was awarded membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2021 for significant service to medicine, particularly Endocrine Surgery.

His current role is Professor and Director of General Surgery at The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne and Professor of Surgery at Monash University, and Director of the Breast, Endocrine and General Surgery Unit at The Alfred Hospital Melbourne.

He has previously been President of Australian and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons, Senior Examiner in the General Surgery Speciality Court - RACS, and Chairman of the Clinical Committee of the Board of Basic Surgical Training. He has also been a Fellowship elected councillor of RACS, and Cancer Theme Leader Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre. He is currently Chairman of the Clinical Committee in Endocrinology, a Member of the Thyroid Topic Group 3rd Australian Atlas, Clinical Lead of Australia New Zealand Thyroid Cancer Registry, and a Member of the International Neuro- monitoring study group.

Contributions as Chairman of the Clinical Committee in Basic Surgical Training of RACS led to major changes to the OSCE examination, its method of assessment, its use of competency scales and the development of an examination database of OSCE stations. This major educational work for RACS was furthered by examining in General Surgery and becoming a Senior Examiner in General Surgery for the Court of Examiners. Then whilst on the Council of RACS being Chairman of the Prevocational Skills and Education Committee, a member of the Board of Surgical Education and Training, and a member of the overall Education Board.

Having establish the Monash University Endocrine Surgery Unit, as one of only two University Endocrine Surgery Units in Australia, we have an international reputation and a major responsibility in fellowship training in Endocrine Surgery, both in Australia and Internationally.