

Professor Malcolm Wheeler MD FRCS was a general and endocrine surgeon and later Professor of Endocrine Surgery at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

He qualified from the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire and the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff and trained in surgery in Cardiff, Birmingham and Edinburgh. His important surgical mentors were Professor A P M Forrest and later Mr Hilary Wade who was the established endocrine surgeon in Cardiff. Both of these doyens of UK surgery undoubtedly had a profound influence on Malcolm Wheeler's choice of endocrine surgery as career.

In addition to IAES presidency 2003-2005 Malcolm Wheeler held executive posts in many Surgical Societies including Presidency of the British Association of Endocrine Surgeons, Secretary/Treasurer and also Council Co-ordinator of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

He has served as a member of the Editorial Board of many surgical journals including the British Journal of Surgery, World Journal of Surgery and the European Journal of Surgical Oncology, the World Journal of Endocrine Surgery and the Journal of Thyroid Research. He was an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of England and a member of the Intercollegiate Board of Examiners for the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Ireland.

Professor Wheeler has published more than 200 papers and articles, including 25 book chapters, mostly on endocrine surgical topics. He has also co-edited a textbook entitled 'Diseases of the Thyroid-Pathophysiology and Management'. In recognition of his academic contribution in 1998 he was awarded an Hunterian Professorship by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In retirement apart from indulging in his passion for a passion for motorsport he remained Chairman of the Cardiff Scientific Society.