



# RACS ASC 2022

Monday 2 May to Friday 6 May

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

**Sustainability  
in the Dispersed  
Workplace**

## SENIOR SURGEONS PROGRAM

*(Program correct as at February 2022)*

### CONVENER:



Frank Gardiner

### MONDAY 2 MAY

- 5:00pm - 6:30pm **CONVOCATION AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

### TUESDAY 3 MAY

- 8:30am - 10:00am **OPENING PLENARY SESSION  
SUSTAINABILITY IN EDUCATION**
- 10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**
- 10:30am - 12:30pm **PROGRESSING TOWARDS THE FUTURE**  
Chair: Emeritus Professor RA ('Frank') Gardiner AM
- 10:30am - 11:00am KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Survivorship Essentials  
Professor Jeff Dunn AO (Brisbane)
- 11:00am - 11:10am Questions and discussion
- 11:10am - 11:25am Preparing for the future  
Dr Daryl Wall AM (Brisbane)
- 11:25am - 11:40am The evolving specialty of palliative care  
Dr Michael Bolton (Brisbane)
- 11:40am - 11:50am Questions and discussion
- 11:50am - 12:20pm **KEYNOTE LECTURE - EMERITUS PROFESSOR  
TEIK OH AM (PERTH, AU)**  
Work-life Balance -  
Healthy Work or Mythical Woke  
Emeritus Professor Teik Oh AM (Perth)
- 12:20am - 12:30pm Questions and discussion
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm **LUNCH - TUESDAY**

- 1:30pm - 3:30pm **PERTINENT ASPECTS AFFECTING SURGICAL PRACTICE**  
Chair: Dr Daryl Wall AM
- 1:30pm - 1:45pm The value of audit  
Dr John North (Brisbane)
- 1:45pm - 2:00pm Questions and discussion
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Reflections on surgical practice and administration at RBWH and beyond  
Dr Barry O'Loughlin AM (Brisbane)
- 2:30pm - 2:45pm Questions and discussion
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Decision Making  
Dr Bernadette Eather (Sydney)
- 3:15pm - 3:30pm Questions and discussion
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY**
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm **REFLECTIONS**  
Chair: Dr John North
- 4:00pm - 4:25pm Evolution of an Established Medical Course: Where does surgery fit?  
Professor Mark Smithers (Brisbane)
- 4:25pm - 4:30pm Questions and discussion
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm Reflections on the Behan Art Collection at the University of Queensland  
Associate Professor Felix Behan (Melbourne)
- 5:00pm - 5:30pm **SENIOR SURGEONS SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Chair: Dr Anne Kolbe
- 7:00pm - 10:30pm **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  
*(Combined with: Quality & Safety in Surgical Practice)*  
Venue: Plaza Gallery, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre



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#### INVITED PRESENTERS (In order of presentation)



**Professor Jeff Dun AO**  
Brisbane

Professor Jeff Dunn AO is currently CEO of Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and is President-Elect of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), for the period 2022-2024. From 2002-2017, Jeff was the CEO of Cancer Council Queensland before accepting the Chair in Social and Behavioural Science at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) in addition to Adjunct Professorships at Griffith University and University of Technology Sydney. Jeff is an internationally recognised researcher, with over 116 peer-reviewed research papers as well as numerous book chapters and monographs. He has served as Secretary and a Director of the International Psycho-oncology Society (IPOS) and as a member of the Board of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), an editorial Board member for Psycho-Oncology Journal and is also the Chair of the UICC's Asia Pacific Cancer Society Training Grants Programme. Jeff is the Immediate Past President of the Asia Pacific Organisation for Cancer Prevention (APOCP) among his other board commitments. Jeff was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) IN 2014 for "distinguished service to medical administration through leadership roles with cancer control organisations and to the promotion of innovative and integrated cancer care programs".

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**Dr Michael Bolton**  
Brisbane

Michael Bolton graduated MB BS from the University of Queensland in 1963. After a decade as a rural GP in Chinchilla, Southern Queensland, he fulfilled a number of roles with Queensland Health including as Director of Alcohol and Drug Dependence Services in addition to serving as Director of the Rural Health Policy Unit with a period as assistant regional director. Michael started working in palliative care in 1995 at the then Mt Olivet Hospital (now St Vincent's) at Kangaroo Point Hospital, his interest in the field driven by a deeply personal experience from the death of his brother, Paul, and sister-in-law Judy. Paul was appointed Foundation Professor of Surgery at the University of Tasmania in 1977 before succumbing to metastatic bowel cancer in May 1978. The demise of his wife Judy from metastatic breast cancer followed in 1984 after her initial diagnosis also in 1977. Michael has worked for more than two decades in the emerging specialty of palliative. He was recognised formally his peers at palliative Care Queensland recently with a medal for his lifetime of care.

Following Paul's untimely death, Paul and Michael's father Harry established the Paul Mackay Bolton Cancer Research Scholarship for Queensland and Tasmanian graduates. When Harry died, Michael succeeded him as chairman and continued managing the charity for a number of years before approaching RACS to administer the awarding of the scholarship through its suite of available grants

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The evolving specialty of palliative care  
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**Emeritus Professor Teik Oh AM**  
Perth

Teik Oh is an alumnus of Brisbane Boys College and the University of Queensland (UQ), for which he represented rugby and hockey. After Internship at Royal Brisbane Hospital, he trained in Anaesthesia and General Medicine in UK and Perth, and also worked in Canada. He was a pioneer of the new specialty of Intensive Care Medicine in the 1970s as the Director of ICU at the Canberra Hospital and later, Perth's Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. In 1988 he was appointed Professor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he became Dean of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. There he developed his department into one of international standing. He returned to Australia in 1998 as the Inaugural Professor of Anaesthesia of the University of Western Australia (UWA), based at Royal Perth Hospital.

As an Anaesthetist and Intensivist, he fostered education, research, and clinical governance of the two specialties as President of the Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), and the Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS).

As an academic, he was awarded MD by UQ for his doctorate thesis on Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation. He has served on the NH&MRC and international research committees, and was a Visiting Professor for a number of universities. He has presented at international conferences and has published over 200 publications and the internationally-acclaimed Oh's Intensive Care Manual. His new book, *An Extraordinary Journey – What Matters at the End-of-Life* has recently been released by Elsevier. He takes pride in having mentored promising academics who became full university professors.

For his contributions to medicine and academia, Teik Oh was honoured with an Order of Australia and the highest awards of the College of Intensive Care Medicine, ANZCA, and the Colleges of Anaesthesia of UK, Ireland, South Africa, and Hong Kong. UWA conferred him Emeritus Professorship. He is a happily married, retired grandfather, and a keen - albeit wobbly - cyclist.

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**Dr Bernadette Eather**  
Sydney

Dr Bernadette Eather is the National Manager of Clinical Quality and Patient Safety for Ramsay Health Care Australia, where she is responsible for the strategic oversight of clinical incident management, quality improvement, data analytics in patient safety, and development of clinical policy and procedure for the 73 Ramsay Hospitals. She was the former Director of Patient Safety for NSW Health at the Clinical Excellence Commission, where she was responsible for the State-wide patient safety program. She has worked in health care for more than 25 years in a range of clinical, operational, and clinical governance roles. Dr Eather's Doctoral research focussed on Patient Safety and Clinical Quality Systems in acute hospitals. She is passionate about patient safety, sharing lessons learned, and promoting the safe, high quality care Ramsay Health Care provides.

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2:45pm - 3:15pm **PERTINENT ASPECTS AFFECTING SURGICAL PRACTICE**

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