

DR JAMES ROWE

OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIAN

MBBS DOH FFAFOEM RACP

QUALIFICATIONS

**MBBS
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RACP**

ACCREDITATIONS

SUB-SPECIALTIES

Impairment Evaluation Consultant
Certified AMA Impairment Assessor
Worksite Assessor. CIME

CURRENT POSITIONS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Resident Medical Officer (1967 - 1968)
Austin Hospital (Melbourne)

General Practitioner (1968 - 1969)
Traralgon, Victoria

Medical Consultant
Australian Paper Mills (Morwell, Victoria)

General Practitioner and Emergency Medical Officer (1969 - 1972)
Ontario, Canada

Medical Officer - DOFASCO
Ontario, Canada

Medical Officer - Reynolds Metals Pty Ltd (1972 - 1973)
Guyana, South America

Medical Officer in charge at open cut bauxite mining operation in

Guyana, South America

Government Medical Officer (1974 – 1975)

Gove, NT

Consultant - BHP Manganese Pty Ltd

Groote Eylandt, NT

Consultant Medical Officer

Nabalco Alumina Manufacturing Plant, (Gove, NT)

Medical Officer - Royal Flying Doctor Service

Arnhem Land, NT

Founded the Collins Street Medical Centre,(1976 – 1991)

Melbourne

Appointed Foundation Fellow (1982)

Australian College of Occupational Medicine

Appointed Occupational Medical Panels Member (1992 – 1998)

Victorian WorkCover Authority

Appointed Fellow (1994)

Australasian Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians

Certified as Section 112 and Impairment Assessor (1998)

Victorian WorkCover Authority and TAC

Appointed Approved Medical Specialist (2001)

Workcover (NSW)

Approved Impairment Assessment Examiner (2001)

NSW

Approved Motor Accident Authority Examiner (2001)

NSW

Appointed Member, Medical Appeals Panel (2005 – 2007)

Workers Compensation Commission (NSW)

Specialist Occupational Health Physician (Present from 1983)

Licensed Medical Practitioner in Australia

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Rowe is a Specialist Occupational Physician with over 35 years experience in the field of Occupational Health. He was admitted to the degree of MBBS at University of Melbourne in 1967 and in 1975 completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health from the University of Sydney. He became a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine of the Royal Australian College of Physicians in 1994 and is registered to practise in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland.

Following qualification, he worked in Canada as a General Practitioner and as an Occupational Physician for DOFASCO, one of Canada's largest steel companies. He then moved to Kwakwani, a small rural village in Guyana, South America, where his practice involved the care of both the local population and the workers in the Reynolds Metals bauxite mine there. He has worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service out of Gove in the Northern Territory, and in the manganese and bauxite mines of the area.

After returning to Australia nearly 30 years ago, his practice evolved into the specialty in Occupational Medicine that it is today.

He is an Independent Medical Examiner and a WorkCover Trained Assessor of Permanent Impairment for New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. He is also a Worksite Assessor, a Certified AMA impairment Assessor, an Impairment Evaluation Consultant and a Motor Accidents Authority Trained Assessor of Permanent Impairment. He have completed training in the use of the Impairment Assessment Guides including AMA 4th, 5th and 6th editions and the Comcare Guides to the Evaluation of Impairment and is a Certified Impairment Medical Examiner. His areas of expertise assessment in impairment include, but is not limited to, the upper and lower limbs, the spine, minor scarring and minor dental impairments.

Practice Overview

His practice involves examinations, preparation of reports, advice to referrers, court appearances Worksite Assessments for Return to Work Programmes and Impairment and Work Capacity Evaluations.

His assessments and reports are particularly concerned with three areas:

- the relationship between work and occupational injuries;
- the suitability of return to work programmes; and
- recommendations concerning return to work capacity.

As a Specialist Occupational Physician he provides an overview of a claimant's total impairment and occupational disability.

He has completed required training in the use of the American Medical Association Guide to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 2nd and 4th editions, conducted by Monash University Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine in Melbourne and the Motor Accident Assessments Board in New South Wales. He has also completed training in the use of the AMA 5th edition of the same Guides in New South Wales with the NSW Workers Compensation Commission. He completed the 6th edition training in the USA in June 2010.

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