

DR MICHAEL WAYNE DOUGLAS LEVITT

SPECIALIST ANAESTHETIST

MBBS, FFARACS, FANZCA

QUALIFICATIONS

MBBS University of Sydney (January 1975)

FFARACS (February 1982)

FANZCA (February 1992)

Training in Anaesthesia Westmead Hospital (1978 - 1982)

Higher School Certificate Normanhurst Boys' High School (1968)

ACCREDITATIONS

Fellow – Australian and NZ College of Anaesthetists

Member - Australian Society of Anaesthetists.

Affiliate Member – European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

Member - The Medico-Legal Society of New South Wales.

Member - ALUCA – Australian Underwriters and Claims Association Inc

Affiliate Member – American Society of Anesthesiologists

Member A.S.A. Fees and Anomalies Committee

Accredited at Baulkham Hills Private Hospital, Wentworthville, Community Hospital, Dalcross Private Hospital, Rockcastle, Private Hospital, North Harbour Private Hospital, Bigge Street Private Hospital, Minchinbury Community Hospital and Western Private Hospital.

SUB-SPECIALTIES

CURRENT POSITIONS

Director (1997-Current)
Anaesthesia Associates

Director (1997-Current)
Calese Pty Ltd

Director (current)
AccessMed Australia Pty Limited

MAC Anaesthesia Representative and Visiting Anaesthetist
Skin and Cancer Foundation of NSW

Member of NSW Committee of Management
Australian Society of Anaesthetists, NSW

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medico Legal Consultant and Expert Witness (1998-Current)

Member – Expert Review Panel (2005-2015)

NSW Health Care Complaints Commission

Managing Director –Position (Dec 2012 – Sept 2014)

Medico Legal Specialists Pty Ltd

Convenor (2011)

National Scientific Conference of Australian Society of Anaesthetists, Sydney

Medical Executive & Member Medical Advisory Panel (March 2009 - Sept 2009)

Invivo Medical Indemnity Insurance

Immediate Past Chairman (July 2008 – June 2010)

NSW Committee of Management, Australian Society of Anaesthetists

Chairman (March 2006 - July 2008)

NSW Committee of Management – Australian Society of Anaesthetists

Member Federal Council and Board Member (2006 – July 2008)

Australian Society of Anaesthetists

Chairman & Convenor (2000-2003)

Doctors' Legal Defence Fund

Visiting Anaesthetist

Norwest Private Hospital, Westmead Private Hospital,
Skin and Cancer Foundation Westmead. Dubbo Private Hospital

VMO Anaesthetist

Dubbo Base Hospital

Accredited Anaesthetist

North Shore Private Hospital

Lecturer

Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons Long Course on Anaesthesia & Airway
Management

Lecturer

Anaesthetic Final Fellowship revision course
University of Sydney at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Lecturer

New Fellows "Entering Anaesthetic Practice" Seminar

Guest Lecturer

Astra Pharmaceuticals and GlaxoWellcome

Teaching of anaesthetic registrars and resident medical officers at Westmead Hospital.

Senior Visiting Medical Officer (1995 – 2006)

Westmead Hospital

Chairman (1993-1996)

Department of Anaesthetics, The Hills Private Hospital, Baulkham Hills

Member- Medical Executive Committee, Theatre Management Committee and Quality Assurance (1993-1996)

The Hills Private Hospital

Co-convenor (199-1996)

Combined Clinical Meetings of The Hills Private Hospital and Mater Misericordiae Hospital

Post-qualification course and training (1988-1992)

NYU/Bellevue Hospital New York USA in Difficult Airway Management and Fiberoptic Intubation

Visiting Anaesthetist (July, 1991)

Mater Misericordiae Private Hospital

Chairman (1984-1987)

Department of Anaesthetics, Rockcastle P.Hospital

Relieving anaesthetist (1984-1987)

Mona Vale District Hospital.

Lecturer in physiology (1984-1987)

To candidates for primary FRACS exam, Westmead course.

Lecturer in Respiratory Physiology (1983)

For Trial Primary FRACS course at Westmead Centre organised by Department of Surgery.

Visiting Medical Officer (Temporary) (September 1983 - January 1984)

Westmead Centre.

Appointed to A.S.A. Organising Committee for Post-Congress Meeting (1984)**Managing Director (1983)**

Commenced involvement with Medical Computer Software development as Elderberry Software Pty Ltd and Medix Software

BIOGRAPHY

I am an Australian-trained Specialist Anaesthetist in active clinical practice, being awarded my Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1982 and my Fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists in 1992.

My initial sub-specialty was the management of the difficult airway and fiberoptic intubation techniques. I taught anaesthetic registrars for over ten years in this area of expertise at Westmead Hospital in Sydney where I was a Senior Visiting Anaesthetist until December 2006.

For the past 25 years, I have sub-specialised in obstetric and gynaecological anaesthesia and over ninety per cent of my current specialist practice is in this field. I have a particular interest in pain relief in labour, especially as it effects the obese parturient. I receive many referrals from obstetricians to assess patients and their suitability for epidural and spinal anaesthesia. Per annum, I currently perform over 500 epidurals, combined spinal/epidurals or spinals for labour analgesia and caesarean section.

I am also trained in neonatal resuscitation and paediatric anaesthesia although I have practiced less in this area in recent years. I am called upon to resuscitate neonates in delivery suite and operating theatres in my current obstetric practice as required.

As a member of the Anaesthetic Department Management Committee of the large, modern Norwest Private Hospital (Healthscope) in Bella Vista NSW in charge of Obstetric Anaesthesia, I organise the in-hours labour ward anaesthetic service at that hospital, which performs approximately 2,000 deliveries per annum.

I am also a Visiting Anaesthetist at Dubbo Base Hospital where I undertake registrar teaching and am involved in anaesthesia for trauma, paediatrics and a wide range of surgical specialties. I am also aware of the unique challenges of practice in a rural Base Hospital serving a large catchment area and indigenous community.

I am a past State Chair of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists, NSW Section, and had a particular focus on the limitations and issues surrounding rural and regional

anaesthetic practice during my chairmanship. I was Convenor of the 2011 ASA National Scientific Congress in Sydney and the 2014, 2015 and 2017 NSW ASA Part 3 Course for newly qualified anaesthetic consultants. I remain on the ASA NSW Committee of Management.

I have been in medico-legal practice as an Expert in Anaesthesia-related matters for more than twenty years, having appeared before the Coroner, the HCCC, Medical Tribunals and various Courts in several States in that time.

LOCATION

Bella Vista, NSW

ADDITIONAL INFO

UNDERGRADUATE HOSPITAL TRAINING:

1975 Intern - Royal North Shore Hospital

1976 First Year Resident Medical Officer - Sydney Hospital

1977 Senior Resident Medical Officer- The Parramatta Hospital

1978-1981 Anaesthetic Registrar- Western Metropolitan Regional Anaesthetic Training Scheme Westmead Hospital

1982 Senior Anaesthetic Registrar - Westmead Centre.

Admitted as a Fellow of The Faculty of Anaesthetists,

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons on (FFARACS) 5th February 1982.

Admitted as a Fellow of the Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCA) 1992.

ADDITIONAL INFO

LIFE INTERESTS:

Snow skiing, Golf, Tennis, Overseas travel, Fine dining and wine

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Medico-Legal Implications of Medical Practice

Obstetric anaesthesia and management of epidural blocks

Fibre-optic Intubation and difficult airway management

Skilled in Negotiation and Mediation

Medical Contract Negotiation

Medical Indemnity Insurance Reform

Crisis Management in anaesthesia

Total quality assurance and continuing service improvement in anaesthesia.

AHPRA NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER:- MED0000941238

MEDICAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE – MIGA SM62247

MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

Participant in CPD Programme of Australian & NZ College of Anaesthetists

PUBLICATIONS:

"A Technique For Subcutaneous Tunnelling of a Subclavian Catheter" by P. Older and M. Levitt. Anaesth. Int. Care 9, 1, 1981. Pp 60-64.

"Difficult Endotracheal Intubation in a Patient With Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum", by M.W.D. Levitt and J.M. Collison. Anaesth. Int. Care 10, 1, 1982. Pp 62-64

"Carbon Dioxide Response After Epidural Morphine" by R.B. Holland, M.W.D. Levitt, L. Whitton and N. Shadbolt. Anaesthesia 1982, 37, 7, 1982. Pp 753-757.

"Intravenous Cannulas - A Survey of Their Use in Patients Undergoing Elective Surgery" by R.B. Holland, M.W.D. Levitt, C. Steffan and P. Lipski. The Medical Journal of Australia, 1982, 2, 2. Pp 86-89.

"The Screening of Patients For Snoring & Sleep Apnoea" by Brian O'Reilly, Michael Levitt and Colin Ivers. J. Otolaryng. Soc. Australia, January 1991, 6, 5 Pp 427-429.