



Professor John Agar OAM

John graduated from Monash University Medical School in 1970. He trained in Melbourne in Nephrology under Bill Gurr (Alfred) and Bob Atkins (Prince Henry's) before completing his training at UMass Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. In July 1978, he returned to his hometown, Geelong, where he established and sustained his clinical practice in Nephrology until retiring in February 2020.

John established then became the inaugural Director of the Renal Unit at the Geelong Hospital (later University Hospital Geelong), Barwon Health. He has published >250 peer reviewed papers and abstracts, 4 book chapters, 2 dialysis-related books, and >90 Home Dialysis Central Kidney Views educational blogs in his position as the Hemodialysis Advisor and Internet Consultant to the Wisconsin-based Medical Education Institute since c.2010 – a role that continues. He has been an invited lecturer on dialysis-related topics in 16 countries, world-wide – in particular on his three pet subjects: home nocturnal haemodialysis, extended hour and higher frequency haemodialysis, and environmental sustainability in dialysis and nephrology. Along the way, he coined the term 'Green Dialysis'.

In 2009, he was appointed as a Conjoint Clinical Professor of Medicine {Nephrology} at both the University Hospital Geelong and Deakin University School of Medicine after earlier being made an Associate Professor of the University of Melbourne Clinical School in 1997.

He has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for Services to Renal Medicine (2009): the Priscilla Kincaid Smith Medal for an Outstanding Contribution to Australian Nephrology (2015); and the International Society of Hemodialysis 'Zbylut Twardowski Lifetime Achievement Award in Hemodialysis' (2017). He was made a Life Member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (2011), and a Life Member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (2015).



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