

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Robert Neville ATKINSON RFD

#### Orthopaedic Surgeon

MBBS (Adelaide) 1970, MA (Deakin) 2002, DCH (London) 1973, FRACS (Orth)1980, FA Orth.A 1983, MRACMA 1999

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Jan 1970 - Jul 1971	Junior Residency, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia
Jan 1971 - Jul 1972	Australian Regular Army with active service (South Vietnam) Posted to 8 Field Ambulance
Jul 1972 - Feb 1973	Senior Resident Paediatrics, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Perth, Western Australia
Mar 1973	Diploma Child Health (London) DCH
Apr 1973 - Aug 1973	Casualty, Dundee Royal Infirmary, Scotland
Oct 1973	Primary FRCS (London)
Jan 1974 - Jul 1975	General Surgical Rotation, University of Nottingham, UK
Jul 1975 - Nov 1975	Orthopaedics, Rowley Bristow Orthopaedic Hospital, Pyrford, Surrey, England (Consultant Alan Apley)
Jan 1976 - Jan 1979	Orthopaedics, Advanced Training, Adelaide, South Australia
Feb 1979 - May 1979	Private Orthopaedic Assisting, Sports Medicine Clinics Consulting, Orthopaedic Training Programme and Meeting attendance

May 1979	Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (ORTH) Awarded Zimmer Orthopaedic Travelling Fellowship
Jul 1979 - Jul 1980	Post Graduate Fellowship in knee surgery and spinal surgery Orthopaedic Registrar, Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital, Nottinghamshire, England (Australian Orthopaedic Association Position)
Jul 1980 - Aug 1980	AO Trauma Scholarship, Duisburg, West Germany
Sept 1980 - Mar 1981	Senior Orthopaedic Registrar, Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, South Australia
Mar 1981 - Sep 1981	Commenced Private Orthopaedic Practice in Adelaide, South Australia. Visiting Consultant appointments at Flinders Medical Centre with associate positions at the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Royal Adelaide Hospital
Oct 1981 - Jun 1984	Visiting Medical Specialist, Modbury Public Teaching Hospital, Modbury, South Australia
1985 - Jun 2001	Head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma, Modbury Public Teaching Hospital

### CURRENT

Jun 1984	Senior Visiting Orthopaedic Consultant Modbury Public Teaching Hospital
1990 - Jun 2001 Jul 2002	Chairman and Head of the Department Orthopaedics and Trauma Modbury Public Teaching Hospital
Jan 2006	Clinical Associate Professor Faculty of Medicine Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma Adelaide University
	Senior Visiting Orthopaedic Consultant Royal Adelaide Hospital
	Associate Orthopaedic Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Department Women's and Children's Hospital

## MILITARY SERVICE

Jan 1971 - Jul 1972	Australian Regular Army. Posted 8 Field Ambulance, South Vietnam. Regimental Medical Officer (RMO), Captain
Jul 1972 - Mar 1973	Transferred CMF, RMO 7 Field Ambulance, Perth, Western Australia
Mar 1973 - Jan 1976	Seconded British Territorial Army. Para Field Ambulance, Nottingham, U.K
Jan 1976 - Jan 1979	RMO, Adelaide University Regiment, Captain
Jan 1979	Promoted Major. Seconded to 212 Field Hospital, Sheffield, UK
Sept 1980	Posted 3 General Hospital, Warradale, South Australia. (Field Surgical Team). Exercise Kangaroo 81, Acting 2IC 3 Fld Amb
1 Jan 1985	Promoted LT COL. Posted Commanding Officer 3 Field Ambulance
1 Jan 1988	Reserve of Officers, Australian Army and attending DMS Exercises
	Orthopaedic Surgeon, 1 Field Hospital, Kangaroo 89 Exercise
31 Dec 1990	Promoted COL. Posted Commanding Officer 3 Forward General Hospital
1 Jan 1991	Posted to the Hospital ship USNS Comfort. Active Service Persian Gulf War 1/1–8/3/91
12 Aug 1994	Posted to the first Forward Surgical Team to Rwanda, ASC UNAMIR II 12/8 - 4/10/94
1 Apr 1995	Posted Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Director General, Army Health Services
14 Apr 1996	Posted Director of Medical Services, Central Region
1 Jan 1998	Director, Regional Health Support Agency, South Australia
9 Mar 1998	Served on Operation Bel Isi, Bougainville, New Guinea 9/3 - 26/3/98
1 Jun 1998	Promoted to Brigadier, Assistant Surgeon General Australian Defence Force (Army), Defence Health Service Branch
29 Jan 1999	Leader of an Australian Defence Trade Mission to the Middle East 29/1 - 12/2/99

24 - 25 Mar 1999	Land Warfare Studies Centre Conference, Canberra
9 Jan - 13 Feb 2000	Served on Operation Warden, 1 FST (HVY) East Timor
27 - 29 Feb 2000	Defence Capability – Delivering in 2000 Conference, Wollongong NSW
3 - 19 Apr 2000	Acting Surgeon General Australian Defence Force while MAJGEN J.H. Pearn was in the UK
23 Jun 2000	Defence – Senior Leadership Recall Day, Canberra
11 Nov 2000	Emeritus Consultant in Military Surgery to the ADF
11 - 12 Feb 2001	21st Century Defence Senior Leadership Summit, Canberra
22 Jun 2001	Defence – Senior Leadership Recall Day, Canberra
27 - 28 Feb 2002	Defence – Senior Leadership Summit, Canberra
2 - 21 April 2002	Served with the United Nations Transitional Administration team in East Timor
17 - 22 May 2002	Served with the United Nations Transitional Administration team in East Timor
29 Jul 2002	Senior Defence Leadership Group Recall Day, Canberra
3 - 4 Oct 2002	The 2002 Chief of Army's History Conference: The Australian Army and the Vietnam War 1962–1972, Canberra
3 - 4 Feb 2003	Senior Defence Leadership Group Summit, Canberra
10 - 11 Jul 2003	The 2003 Chief of Army's Military History Conference, Foundations of Victory: The Pacific War 1943–44, Canberra
28 - 30 Oct 2003	Land Warfare Conference 2003, Adelaide, SA
28 - 31 Dec 2004	Served with the South Australian Field Medical Team in Sydney
6 - 18 Jan 2005	Served with the South Australian Field Medical Team in Banda Aceh, Indonesia
24 June – 17 July 2006	Served on Operation Astute in East Timor

## AWARDS

- 11 MAY 2000 Received the *E.S.R. Hughes Award* for Services to Military Surgery, presented by the President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and LTGEN Peter Cosgrove, Chief of Army
- 21 NOV 2000 Awarded the *John Thomson Oration* Medal, presented by MAJGEN John Pearn, Surgeon General ADF, Brisbane
- 10 OCT 2003 Awarded the *Technical Cooperation Program (TTCP) Achievement Award* by the Subcommittee on Non-Atomic Military Research and Development (NAMRAD) for Contributions to TTCP Collaboration in *Development of a Lower Leg Physical Model for Enhanced Soldier Survivability Against Landmines*, Melbourne, presented by Senator Robert Hill, Minister of Defence

## DECORATIONS

1972	Vietnam Medal
1972	Active Service Medal (Vietnam)
1991	Active Service Medal (Kuwait)
1991	Australian Service Medal (Kuwait - clasp)
1991	Kuwait Medal (Foreign Decoration)
1991	Saudi Arabian Medal (Foreign Decoration)
1991	Personal Citation for Active Service in the Persian Gulf War from the United States Navy
1991	US Navy Unit Commendation - USNS Comfort - for members of RAN TGMSE serving in USNS Comfort during Operations <i>Desert Shield</i> and <i>Desert Storm</i> (see endnote)
1991	Reserve Forces Decoration
1994	Australian Service Medal (Rwanda - clasp)
1994	Commendation - Major General P.M. Arnison, Land Commander Australia <sup>1</sup>
1998	Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1995 with Vietnam clasp

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<sup>1</sup> Commander's Commendation, 4722100 Colonel Robert Neville Atkinson, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps:

'Your Commander has brought to my attention your outstanding performance of duty as the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Forward General Hospital.

'As the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Forward General Hospital you were instrumental in the development of the Forward Surgical Teams. Your leadership, guidance and enthusiasm ensured that the project gained its present advanced status. The introduction of the Forward Surgical Teams significantly enhanced the surgical support available to the Army and the Australian Defence Forces. You played a leading role in the provision of specialist Medical Officers for Australia's commitment to United Nations peacekeeping operations in Rwanda, undertaking the first tour of duty yourself. You were responsible for guiding the planning for the deployment of the 3rd Forward General Hospital to the Northern Territory to provide cataract surgery for Aboriginal patients, resulting in ninety-eight patients regaining their sight.

'I commend you for your performance of duty in this appointment. Your efforts have brought great credit upon yourself, the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps and the Australian Army.'

2000	Australian Service Medal (East Timor - clasp)
2000	INTERFET Medal
2003	National Service Medal
2006	Australian Defence Medal

## SIGNIFICANT PRESENTATIONS

1. ***IPSILATERAL FRACTURE OF FEMUR AND TIBIA – 52 CASES***  
AOA National Meeting, Adelaide 1978  
Reported in the proceedings of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery
2. ***REPAIR DISTAL BICEPS AVULSION***  
Alan Apley Retirement Meeting, 1979
3. ***HARRIS CONDYLOCEPHALIC NAILING FRACTURE NECK OF FEMUR***  
AOA Meeting 1985 Modbury. Also published Australian Medical Journal.  
Presented at the Western Orthopaedic Association, Singapore, 1985
4. ***PERCUTANEOUS K-WIRE FIXATION OF THE COLLES' FRACTURE***  
AOA National Meeting, Perth 1988
5. ***MILITARY ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY - THE BALANCE***  
RACS General Meeting, Canberra 1992
6. ***IF IS MOBILE IT CAN DISLOCATE - CASE REPORT***  
AOA State Branch Meeting, Modbury 1995
7. ***AUSTRALIAN MILITARY EXTERNAL FIXATORS - DEVELOPMENT & PLACE IN CASUALTY MANAGEMENT***  
World Australian College of Surgeons, Annual Scientific Congress  
Melbourne 5–10 May 1996
8. ***IS CHANGE PROGRESS?***  
Australian Association of Surgeons Annual Conference, Adelaide 3–7  
September 1996
9. ***ARTHROSCOPIC KNEE SURGERY***  
Endoscopy Conference, Adelaide 16 November 1996
10. ***BLAST INJURY TO LOWER LIMB***  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, Brisbane 16–17 May 1997
11. ***KNEES AND THINGS***  
Modbury Public Teaching Hospital Grand Round, 30 July 1997
12. ***UNITED NATIONS AND THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE***  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress,  
Sydney 3–8 May 1998
13. ***PRIMARY CARE ORTHOPAEDIC PROTOCOLS***  
Modbury Public Teaching Hospital Grand Round, 13 May 1998
14. ***PATELLAR ENTRY FEATURE - A NEW FINDING***  
Australian Knee Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Ayers Rock 11–12 July  
1998
15. ***REPAIR OF MASSIVE ROTATOR CUFF TEARS: A NEW TECHNIQUE***  
7th International Congress on Surgery of the Shoulder, Sydney 5-8 October  
1998 (+Poster)
16. ***PATELLAR ENTRY FEATURE – A NEW FINDING***  
Modbury Public Teaching Hospital, Lecture, 13 November 1998

17. **PRIVATISATION – IS CHANGE PROGRESS?**  
Modbury Public Teaching Hospital, Lecture, 13 November 1998
18. **DEALING WITH THE DAMAGE**  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, Session 1, *Land mines – the hidden danger*, Brisbane 15-16 May 1999
19. **KNEE SURGERY – MINED YOUR KNEES**  
Modbury Public Teaching Hospital Grand Round, 26 May 1999
20. **MILITARY OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WAR**  
1999 Military Medical Symposium, Sydney 26-27 November 1999
21. **AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED NATIONS**  
Military Health Symposium, Adelaide 18 March 2000
22. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
Krstic, A.R.; Atkinson, R.N.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A.; Chehade, M.N. Paper titled The Human Surrogate Program presented to the Impact Biomechanics Australia Conference; Neck Injury 2000, Sydney March 2000 (+Poster)
23. **MEDICAL LOGISTICS 2000**  
Area Health Services – SA Conference, RAAF Base Edinburgh 28-30 July 2000
24. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
*Quantum* science feature of The Human Surrogate Program, ABC television, September 2000
25. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
Chehade, M.; Atkinson, R.N.; Krstic, A.R.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A. Australian Orthopaedic Association Conference, Hobart October 2000
26. **THE BALANCE**  
Australian Military Medical Association 9th Scientific Conference, Hobart 20-23 October 2000
27. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
Krstic, A.R.; Atkinson, R.N.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A.; Chehade, M. Anti-inflammatory-personnel Landmine Effects: A Unique Approach, Australian Military Medicine Association 9<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference, Hobart October 2000
28. **MEDICAL LOGISTICS 2000**  
NSW Military Medical Symposium, Sydney 11-12 November 2000
29. **PRIVATE BOSISTO – THE DEBT AND THE CHALLENGE**, The John Thomson Oration, Brisbane 21 November 2000
30. **NEW ANATOMICAL FEATURE IN THE KNEE: ‘ENTRY FEATURE’**  
Society Of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons 42nd Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, USA 10-15 December 2000

31. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
Atkinson, R.N.; Krstic, A.R.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A.; Chehade, M. Society Of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons 42nd Annual Meeting, San Antonio Texas, USA December 2000 (+ poster)
32. **TIBIAL CYST AFTER ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION**  
Gooi, C.K. and Atkinson, R.N. AOA (SA Branch) Scientific Programme, Modbury Public Hospital 23 March 2001
33. **PATELLO-FEMORAL ENTRY FEATURE**  
Atkinson, R.N. and Pathak, G. AOA (SA Branch) Scientific Programme, Modbury Public Hospital, 23 March 2001
34. **REPAIR OF LARGE ROTATOR CUFF TEARS USING A FIXATION POST TECHNIQUE**  
Comley, A. and Atkinson, R.N. AOA (SA Branch) Scientific Programme, Modbury Public Hospital 23 March 2001
35. **MEDICINE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WAR**  
Atkinson, R.N., Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 13th Triennial Congress, Adelaide 1-6 April 2001
36. **PATELLO-FEMORAL ENTRY FEATURE**  
Atkinson, R.N., and Pathak, G., Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 13th Triennial Congress, Adelaide 1-6 April 2001
37. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
Chehade, M., Atkinson, R.N.; Krstic, A.R.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A., Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 13th Triennial Congress, Adelaide 1-6 April 2001
38. **REPAIR OF LARGE ROTATOR CUFF TEARS USING A FIXATION POST TECHNIQUE**  
Comley, A. and Atkinson, R.N., Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 13th Triennial Congress, Adelaide 1-6 April 2001
39. **TIBIAL CYST AFTER ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION**  
Atkinson, R.N. and Gooi, C K, Australian Orthopaedic Association (SA) State Meeting, Adelaide 5 April 2001
40. **ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINE EFFECTS – A NOVEL APPROACH**  
Atkinson, R.N.; Krstic, A.R.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A.; Chehade, M. Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Canberra 6-11 May 2001
41. **THE SURGICAL ROLE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WAR**  
Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Canberra 6-11 May 2001
42. **INTERFACE BETWEEN ICRC AND THE MILITARY**  
Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Canberra 6-11 May 2001
43. **PATELLO-FEMORAL ENTRY FEATURE**  
Atkinson, R.N. and Pathak, G., Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, SA & NT Annual Scientific Meeting, Barossa Valley 3-4 August 2001

44. ***PATELLAR 'ENTRY FEATURE'***  
Australian Military Medical Association 10th Scientific Conference, Surfers Paradise 19-21 October 2001
45. ***PRIVATE BOSISTO – THE DEBT AND THE CHALLENGE,***  
Military Health Symposium 2001, Sydney 10-11 November 2001
46. ***THE GULF WAR: 59 DAYS AT SEA – An Army Surgeon's Experience***  
Naval, Military and Air Force Club of SA, Adelaide 28 November 2001
47. ***PRIVATE BOSISTO – THE DEBT AND THE CHALLENGE***  
Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses 2002 Conference, 'Gathering Momentum', Melbourne March 14-16 2002
48. ***MILITARY AMPUTATIONS***  
2002 International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics Annual Scientific Meeting, Alice Springs 19-22 June 2002
49. ***THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM***  
**Atkinson, R.N.**; Krstic, A.R.; Henneberg, M.; Netherway, D.; Abbott, A.; Chehade, M. Symposium: Recent Advances in Critical Care Management of Trauma Cases, Army Central Hospital, RSPAD Jakarta, Indonesia 20-21 July 2002
50. ***QUO VADIS, The coalition of the willing or the standing UN Force***  
Defence Health 2002 Symposium, Sydney 26-28 July 2002
51. ***CASUALTY EVACUATION – UNMANNED VEHICLES: THE FORCE MULTIPLIER***  
Lucas, M., Atkinson, R.N.; Krstic, A., Lozo, P., Hutchins, M.  
Defence Health 2002 Symposium, Sydney 26-28 July 2002
52. ***TRAUMA AND THE MILITARY***  
Provincial Surgeons of Australia 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Hamilton Island 11-14 September 2002
53. ***INTERNATIONAL FORUM: THE HUMANITARIAN AIDS PROGRAMME SUCCESSES AND PITFALLS – A MILITARY PERSPECTIVE***  
Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Brisbane 5-9 May 2003
54. ***ROBOTICS***  
Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Brisbane 5–9 May 2003
55. ***ROBOTICS***  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma 2003, Brisbane 10-11 May 2003
56. ***DOES THE ADF REALLY BELIEVE IN TRI-SERVICE HEALTH?***  
Area Health Services–SA, Tri-service Seminar, Adelaide 28 June 2003
57. ***UNMANNED TELE-REMOTE ROBOTS AS MEDICAL SUPPORT ON THE BATTLEFIELD***  
The 2nd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases, Jakarta 18-20 July 2003
58. ***PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA***  
The 2nd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases, Jakarta 18-20 July 2003

59. **UNMANNED TELE-REMOTE ROBOTS AS MEDICAL SUPPORT ON THE BATTLEFIELD**  
Swan XI Trauma Conference, Sydney 1-2 August 2003
60. **UNMANNED TELE-REMOTE ROBOTS AS MEDICAL SUPPORT ON THE BATTLEFIELD**  
Australian Knee Society 26th Annual Scientific Meeting, Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, SA 10-12 October 2003
61. **UNMANNED TELE-REMOTE ROBOTS AS MEDICAL SUPPORT ON THE BATTLEFIELD**  
Land Warfare Conference 2003, Adelaide 28-30 October 2003
62. **UNMANNED TELE-REMOTE ROBOTS AS MEDICAL SUPPORT ON THE BATTLEFIELD**  
Provincial Surgeons of Australia 39th Annual Conference, Devonport 5-8 November 2003
63. **THE ROLE OF DEFENCE HEALTH IN MILITARY OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WAR**  
The 3rd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases, Jakarta 27-29 August 2004
64. **VIETNAM TO NOW – THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE**  
The 3rd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases, Jakarta 27-29 August 2004
65. **EDUCATION AND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY**  
Australian-Pacific Foundation for Trauma Education and Clinical Standards Introduction Day, Sydney 17 December 2004
66. **ONE SURGEON’S STORY – BANDA ACEH**  
Port Adelaide Football Club, Adelaide 21 May 2005
67. **ONE SURGEON’S STORY – BANDA ACEH**  
Orthopaedic Outreach, Sydney 28 May 2005
68. **MEASURING AN AFFIRMING COMPETENCE: the anatomy and physiology of the modifiers of surgical skills**  
Winding Down from Surgical Practice, RACS Melbourne, 25 June 2005
69. **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY SURGICAL KIT – A CONCEPT**  
Provincial Surgeons of Australia Annual Scientific Conference, Shepparton 16 July 2005
70. **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY SURGICAL KIT – A CONCEPT**  
Swan XIII Trauma Conference, Liverpool Hospital Sydney 29 July 2005
71. **DISASTER PLANNING - Royal Australasian College of Surgeons**  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, Brisbane 2-4 September 2005

72. **HOW WILL AUSTRALIA COPE? – Mass Casualty Management - Adelaide**  
A panel of military and civilian members  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, Brisbane 2-4 September 2005
73. **ROBOTIC SURGERY**  
Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, Brisbane 2-4 September 2005
74. **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY SURGICAL KIT - CONCEPT**  
Innovations in the management of patients involved in disasters, Brisbane 15-16 May 2006
75. **OPIATES AND DRIVING – TIME FOR A CHANGE**  
The Torture of Pain. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Pain Society, Adelaide 4 April 2007
76. **RECRUITING AND SERVICE; THE AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE**  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Congress, Christchurch 7-11 May 2007
77. **RACS INITIATIVES IN TRAUMA SURGERY**  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Congress, Christchurch 7-11 May 2007

## POSTERS

1. **REPAIR OF MASSIVE ROTATOR CUFF TEARS: A NEW TECHNIQUE**  
at 7th International Congress on Surgery of the Shoulder, Sydney, October 1998
2. **THE HUMAN SURROGATE PROGRAM**  
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## TEACHING

- **Defence Health in Military Operations Other than War**  
at The University of Adelaide, Australia  
International Primary Health Care Seminar Program for undergraduate medical students
  - 21 April 2005
  - 4 August 2005
  - 5 April 2006
  - 20 July 2006
  - 5 April 2007
  - 20 July 2007
- **Knee injuries**  
at Modbury Public Hospital, Adelaide, Australia  
Trainee Medical Officer Tutorial Program
  - 26 August 2005
  - 22 September 2006
  - 10 August 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

*Bone Scintigraphy in Discitis and Related Disorders in Children,*  
Australian and New Zealand Journal Surgery, Vol 48, No 4, August, 1978

*A method of pre-operative assessment for posterior cruciate ligament reconstruction,*  
The Medical Journal of Australia, November 24, 1984; 141:709-77

A personal account of the Hospital Ship USNS Comfort in the Persian Gulf War,  
AMA Gazette, 1991

*59 Days in Persian Gulf War Zone ... An Adelaide Doctor's Story,*  
SA Medical Review, May 1991, Vol 14, No 4, p 6

*Fit and Ready For Action in Persian Gulf War Zone,*  
SA Medical Review, June 1991, Vol 14, No 5, p 8

*Internal fixation of pertrochanteric fractures of the femur with the Harris  
condylocephalic nail,*  
The Australian & New Zealand Journal of Surgery, May 1994, Vol 64, No 5, pp 319-321

*Percutaneous K-wire stabilisation following closed reduction in the treatment of  
Colles' fractures,*  
Journal of Hand Surgery (British Volume, 1992) 17B: 55-62

A personal account of the Forward Surgical Team ASC UNAMIR II, Rwanda,  
12 August to 4 October 1994,  
*Rwanda and Daunting Task of 'Blue Berets' in Darkest Africa,*  
Cover Story, SA Medical Review, October 1994, Vol 7, No 10, p 4

*Light blue in darkest Africa,*  
Hospital and Healthcare, February 1995

*A new clinical sign to aid the diagnosis of locked posterior dislocation of the  
shoulder,*  
Emergency Medicine, Vol 8, 1996

*Despatches from East Timor; Doctors and live ammunition: an interesting mix,*  
Medical Review, July 2000, Vol 13, No 6

*Land Mines,*  
Australian Military Medicine, August 2000, Vol 9, No 2

*Landmines,*  
ADF Health, September 2000, Vol 1, No 3, p 90

*Military external fixation of fractures [with SQNLDR Gora Pathak, RAF, FRCS(Orth)],*  
ADF Health, April 2001, Vol 2, No 1, p 24

*Lower Limb,*  
check – Program of Self Assessment, The Royal Australian College of General  
Practitioners, Issue 353, July 2001

*The Role of Defence Health in Military Operations Other than War – A Research Proposal,*  
Australian Defence Force Journal, May/June 2002, No 154

*Patellar ‘entry’ feature: a new arthroscopic anatomic finding [with G Pathak],*  
The Knee, Vol 11, Issue 2, April 2004, pp 99-101

*Unmanned tele-operated robots as medical support on the battlefield,*  
[with M Lucas, A Krstic, P Lozo, M Hutchins]  
ADF Health, April 2005, Vol 6, No 1, pp 34-7

*Successful early mobilisation of major cuff repair using a suture post,,*  
Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Vol 15, No 2, March/April 2006, pp 183-7

*The public waiting list challenge*  
medicSA, Vol 19, No 4, May 2006, p 12

*Road Trauma Advisory Objectives,*  
The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical News, Vol 7, No 9, October 2006, pp 8-9

*Unicompartmental knee arthroplasty for the treatment of unicompartmental osteoarthritis: a systematic review,*  
[with T Griffin, N Rowden, D Morgan, P Woodruff, G Maddern]  
ANZ Journal of Surgery

## **PUBLISHED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Letter to the Editor (Forum), The Bulletin, 6 September 1994, Vol 116, No 5936  
Awarded Prize of the Month

*The altruistic attitude of South Australians, Military medicine in SA,*  
The South Australian Medical Review, Vol 14, No 11, December 2001

*Blast and Fragment Injuries of the Musculoskeletal System,*  
Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, July 2003, Vol 85-A, No 7, p 1390

*Employment of Australian Helicopters in Vietnam,*  
Australian Defence Force Journal, Nov/Dec 2003, No 163, p 5

*The Bureaucratic Challenge,*  
AOA Bulletin, Dec 2006, Vol 27, No. 3, p 136

## SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 1976 Sixth Combined English Speaking Meeting, London UK
- 1980 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Atlanta, USA  
British Orthopaedic Association Meeting, Sheffield, UK  
AO Course Internal Fixation and Osteotomies, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 1982 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Anaheim, Los Angeles, USA
- 1984 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA  
Spinal Surgical Conference, Maui, Hawaii, USA
- 1986 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, San Francisco, California, USA
- 1988 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
- 1992 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Washington DC, USA
- 1994 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, New Orleans, USA
- 1994 Orthopaedic Research Society, New Orleans, USA
- 1996 Orthopaedic Research Society, Atlanta, USA
- 1997** Orthopaedic Research Society, 8-12 February, San Francisco, USA
- 1997 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 12-17 February, San Francisco, USA
- 1997 First United Nations International Conference on Medical Support for Peace-Keeping Operations, 22-31 March, Geneva
- 1997 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 16-19 May, Brisbane, QLD
- 1997 Australian Knee Society, 10-14 October, Canberra, ACT
- 1998** Royal College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 7-10 May, Sydney, NSW
- 1998 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education, 'State of the Art in Total Knee Arthroplasty', 5-8 July, Alice Springs, NT
- 1998 Combined Arthroplasty and Australian Knee Society Annual Scientific Meeting, 10-12 July, Ayers Rock, NT
- 1998 7th International Congress on Surgery of the Shoulder, 5-8 October 1988, Sydney, NSW
- 1998 7th Annual Scientific Conference Australian Military Medical Association, 16-18 October, Sydney, NSW
- 1999** Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 9-14 May 1999, NZ

- 1999 Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, 15-16 May 1999, Brisbane, QLD
- 1999 Australian Knee Society Conference, 30 June - 2 July, Darwin, NT
- 1999 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education, 4-6 August 1999, Canberra, ACT
- 1999 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons SA & NT Annual Scientific Meeting, 5-7 August 1999, Wirrina, SA
- 1999 8th Annual Scientific Conference Australian Military Medical Association, 8-10 October 1999, Adelaide, SA
- 1999 Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons Conference, 24-29 October 1999, Williamsburg Virginia, USA
- 2000** Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 7-12 May 2000, Melbourne, VIC
- 2000 Advances In Knee Arthroplasty, Oxford Knee Course, 10 June 2000, Sydney, NSW
- 2000 Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators Annual Conference, 23-26 August 2000, Brisbane, QLD
- 2000 Australian Orthopaedic Association Conference, 9-13 October 2000, Hobart, TAS
- 2000 Australian Military Medical Association 9th Scientific Conference, 20-23 October 2000, Hobart, TAS
- 2000 Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons 42nd Annual Meeting, 10-15 December 2000, San Antonio, Texas, USA
- 2001** State of the Art Imaging: Emergency Radiology, Emergency Ultrasound, Radiology Dept, Royal Adelaide Hospital, 20-21 January 2001, Adelaide, SA
- 2001 Australian Orthopaedic Association (SA Branch) Scientific Programme, Modbury Public Hospital, 23 March 2001, Adelaide, SA
- 2001 Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 13<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress, 1-6 April 2001, Adelaide, SA
- 2001 Shoulder & Elbow Symposium, St George Hospital, 4-5 May 2001, Kogarah NSW
- 2001 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 6-11 May 2001, Canberra, ACT
- 2001 Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, 25-27 May 2001, Brisbane, QLD
- 2001 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons SA & NT Annual Scientific Meeting, Barossa Valley 3-4 August 2001, Adelaide, SA
- 2001 Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators Annual Conference,

- 30-31 August 2001, Melbourne, VIC  
 2001 Australian Military Medical Association 10<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference,  
 19-21 October 2001, Surfers Paradise, QLD
- 2001 Military Health Symposium 2001, 10-11 November 2001, Sydney, NSW
- 2002** TTCP WPN TP KTA 1–35 ‘Development of a Lower Leg Physical Model for  
 Enhanced Solder Survivability against Landmines’  
 6 March 2002, DSTO, Edinburgh, SA
- 2002 TTCP WPN TP KTA 1–38 ‘Development of Thoracic Physical Models for  
 Behind Armour Blunt Trauma Assessment’  
 11 March 2002, DSTO, Edinburgh, SA
- 2002 Younger Fellows Forum, 7-10 May 2002, Clare, SA
- 2002 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress,  
 11-16 May 2002, Adelaide, SA
- 2002 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education  
 ‘The Knee – Repair, Reconstruction, Replacement’, 3-5 July 2002, Darwin,  
 NT
- 2002 Symposium: ‘Recent Advances in Critical Care Management of Trauma  
 Cases’, 20-21 July 2002, Army Central Hospital, RSPAD Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2002 Defence Health 2002 Symposium, 26-28 July 2002, Sydney, NSW
- 2002 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons SA and NT Fellows’ Annual  
 Scientific Meeting, 2 August 2002, Glenelg, SA
- 2002 Provincial Surgeons of Australia 38th Annual Conference, 11-14 September  
 2002, Hamilton Island, QLD
- 2002 The 2002 Chief of Army’s History Conference: ‘The Australian Army and the  
 Vietnam War 1962-72’, 3-4 October 2002, Canberra, ACT
- 2002 Australian Knee Society Annual Scientific Meeting, 11-13 October 2002,  
 Cape Schanck Resort, VIC
- 2002 Australian Orthopaedic Association, 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, 13-18  
 October 2002, Melbourne, VIC
- 2002 Australian Orthopaedic Association SA Branch Scientific Meeting, 8  
 November 2002, Bedford Park, SA
- 2003** The 2003 International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and  
 Orthopaedic Sports Medicine (ISAKOS) Congress, 10-13 March 2003,  
 Auckland, NZ
- 2003 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 5-9  
 May 2003, Brisbane, QLD
- 2003 Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma 2003, 10-11 May 2003,  
 Brisbane, QLD

- 2003 Australian Medical Association National Conference, 30 May -1 June 2003, Sydney, NSW
- 2003 The 2nd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases, 18-20 July 2003, Jakarta
- 2003 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education 'Hips for All Ages', 30 July -1 August 2003, Sydney, NSW
- 2003 Swan XI Trauma Conference, 1-2 August 2003, Sydney, NSW
- 2003 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons SA and NT Annual Scientific Meeting, 8-10 August 2003, Victor Harbor, SA
- 2003 Australian Knee Society 26th Annual Scientific Meeting, 10-12 October 2003, Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, SA
- 2003 Australian Orthopaedic Association, 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, 12-16 October 2003, Adelaide, SA
- 2003 Australian Military Medical Association 12th Annual Conference, 17-19 October 2003, Adelaide, SA
- 2003 Provincial Surgeons of Australia 39th Annual Conference, 5-8 November 2003, Devonport, TAS
- 2003 Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons 45th Annual Meeting, 15-20 December 2003, Hawaiian Islands, USA
- 2004** Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 2-7 May 2004, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004 Swan XII Trauma Conference, 30-31 July 2004, Sydney, NSW
- 2004 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education 'New Technologies in Orthopaedics', 4-6 August 2004, Brisbane, QLD
- 2004 The 3rd National Symposium: The Recent Advances In Critical Care Management Of Trauma Cases & Medical Sciences, 27-29 Aug 2004, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2004 Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association 14th Triennial Congress, 5-10 September 2004, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2004 Royal Australasian College of SA & NT Annual Scientific Meeting, 11 September 2004, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004 Australian Knee Society 27th Annual Scientific Meeting, 21-23 October 2004, Manly, NSW
- 2004 Combined Orthopaedic Associations 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 24-29 October 2004, Sydney, NSW

- 2005** Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 9-13 May 2005, Perth, WA
- 2005 Provincial Surgeons of Australia Annual Scientific Conference, 14-16 July 2005, Shepparton, VIC
- 2005 Australian Orthopaedic Association Continuing Orthopaedic Education, Orthopaedic Sports Trauma, 21-23 July 2005, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005 Swan XIII Trauma Conference, 29-30 July 2005, Sydney, NSW
- 2005 Controversies in Civilian and Military Trauma, 2-4 September 2005, Brisbane, QLD
- 2005 Australian Knee Society Annual Scientific Meeting, 6-9 October 2005, Bunker Bay, WA
- 2005 Australian Orthopaedic Association 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, 10-14 October 2005, Perth, WA
- 2005 Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons 47th Annual Meeting, 12-17 December 2005, Kissimmee, Florida, USA
- 2006** Oxford Users Meeting, 8 February 2006, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 Innovations in the management of patients involved in disasters, 15-16 May 2006, Brisbane, Qld
- 2006 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Congress, 15-19 May, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 Australian Medical Association National Conference, 26-28 May 2006, Adelaide, SA
- 2006 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 14-19 May 2006, Melbourne, VIC
- 2006 Australian Knee Society Annual Meeting, 28-30 August 2006, Christchurch, NZ
- 2006 Bi-Annual Shoulder and Elbow Society of Australia Conference, 2-5 November 2006, Victor Harbor, SA
- 2007** American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Orthopaedic Trauma Association Meeting, Extremity War Injuries II, 23-24 January 2007, Washington, DC
- 2007 Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Annual Scientific Congress, 6-11 May 2007, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2007 Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting, 29-31 August 2007, Gold Coast.

## **COURSES**

Emergency Management of Severe Trauma Course, December 1990

Emergency Management of Severe Trauma Refresher Course, September 1995

Definitive Surgical Trauma Course Melbourne, August 2000

ACI Cadaver Workshop: Mercy Tissue Engineering, 24 March 2001

Mastering Adverse Outcomes Workshop, March 2003

Introduction to Risk Management Workshop, September 2003

Failure to Diagnose – Medico-legal Issues Workshop, February 2004

Operative Complications – Reducing the Risk of Litigation, September 2004

2005 Major Incident Medical Management and Support (MIMMS Australia) Course, 14-16 September 2005

RACS Work/Life Balance, 13 May 2006,

MIGA Mastering Difficult Interactions, 26 May 2006

MIGA Managing Patient Expectations, 26 May 2006

RACS Winding Down from Surgical Practice, 24 June 2006

MIGA Follow Up, Your Duty of Care Explored, 16 June 2007

MIGA Drafting a Consent, 16 June 2007

RACS Surgical Teachers, 6-8 September 2007

## **STUDY**

Master of Defence Studies, completed 2001  
Deakin University (external) Awarded April 2002

1999: Australian Defence Policy

1999: United Nations

2000: Australia's War: 1914-1918

2000: International Humanitarian Law

2001: Australia and the End of Empires

2001: Asian Defence Policies

## COMMITTEES

Elected Council Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, June 2001 - May 2004; re-elected June 2004 - May 2007  
re-elected June 2007 – May 2010

Deputy Chair, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Professional Development and Standards Board, May 2005 -

Chair, Professional Development, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, May 2005 -

Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Trauma Committee, August 2003 -

Chairman, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Road Trauma Advisory Subcommittee, August 2003 -

Chairman, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Disaster Preparedness Working Party, February 2005 -

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Representative, Australian Health Disaster Management Policy Committee's Clinical Advisory Group, April 2005 -

Member, Department of Health (SA) Emergency Management Committee April 2003 -

Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Trauma Regional Chairmen Subcommittee, May 2002 -

Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Trauma Systems Performance Subcommittee, May 2002 -

Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Skills Laboratories Working Party, October 2003 -

Chairman, Trauma Sub-Committee of Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (South Australian Branch) May 2002 -

Specialty Editor (Military Surgery) for the ANZ Journal of Surgery, May 2007 – December 2010

Deputy Chair, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Basic Surgical Training Subcommittee, May 2003 - May 2005

Chairman, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Basic Surgical Training Supervisors Committee, May 2004 - May 2005

Federal Executive Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Jan - June 2003

Chairman, Military Chapter of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, May 1999 - May 2002

Board Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (South Australian Branch), June 2001 -

Co-opted Member of Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association Australian Management Committee April 2004 -

Elected Australian Delegate to the Council of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association, April 2001 - April 2004

Member, Motor Accident Commission (SA) Medical Advisory Committee 2002 -

Member, AMA (South Australian Branch) Ethics Committee

Member, AMA (South Australian Branch) Road Safety Working Party

Member, AMA (South Australian Branch) Motor Accident Commission Reference Group

Member, Modbury Public Hospital Medical Advisory Committee

Member, Modbury Public Hospital Operating Theatre Committee

Chairman, Heads of Orthopaedic Departments Committee, South Australia, 2001

Member, University of Adelaide Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma Departmental Committee

Member, University of Adelaide Medical School Advisory Board

Member, Parkwynd Private Hospital Medical  
Advisory Committee

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Fellow, Australian Orthopaedic Association

Member, Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Member, Australian Knee Society

Member, Shoulder and Elbow Society

Member, International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine

Member, Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons

Member, Australian Military Medical Association

Member, Australian Institute of Emergency Services

Member, Australian Society of the History of Medicine

Member, Asian Pacific Orthopaedic Association

Member, Australian Sports Medicine Federation

Member, Medical Defence Association of South Australia

Member, Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators

Member, Australian Medical Association

Member, SAPMEA

Member, Adelaide University Alumni Association

Member, Returned Servicemen's League

Member, Naval Military and Air Force Club of South Australia

Member, Cruising Yacht Club, South Australia

Member, Australian American Association

**REGISTRATION**

Annual Practising Certificate in Orthopaedic Surgery in South Australia

Annual Practising Certificate in Orthopaedic Surgery in New South Wales

South Australian Drivers Licence

South Australian Boat Licence

**OVERSEAS REGISTRATION**

United Kingdom

**FELLOW**

London House, Mecklenburgh Square, London, U.K.

**HOBBIES**

Running, swimming, sailboarding, croquet, gardening, sailing, bushwalking and 4 Wheel Drive trekking.

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**\* USNS COMFORT Commendation:**

The Commander, United States Naval Logistics and Support Force, takes pleasure in commending Colonel Robert Neville Atkinson, Medical Corp, Royal Australian Army, for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For meritorious service while serving as Orthopaedic Surgeon, Medical Treatment Facility, USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) from January to March 1991, while deployed to US Base Naval force's Central Command in support of Operation DESERT STORM. Colonel Atkinson performed his duties in an exemplary and timely professional manner. Demonstrating superb insight and extensive experience in the management of traumatized and critically injured orthopaedic patients, his constructive criticism and thoughtful suggestions were absolutely integral to the development of an innovative and functional Mass Casualty Plan. The exceptional leadership, professional knowledge, and management ability which Colonel Atkinson displayed in carrying out his duties were truly inspirational. His diligence, resourcefulness, and perseverance contributed significantly to the accomplishments of COMFORT's mission. Colonel Atkinson's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and the United States Naval Service."

R. Sutton Rear Admiral, US Navy Commander US Naval Logistics and Support Force.