

DR JOHN VORRATH AM - ENT SURGEON

F.R.A.C.S. (in E.N.T.) 1973
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M.B.B.S. (Melb) 1964



Medical Practice Appointments

- Private ENT practice in Geelong 1973 to 2005.
- Sessional ENT Surgeon at Geelong Hospital 1973 to 2007.
- Sessional ENT Surgeon at Royal Children's Hospital 1969 to 2014.

Medical, Research & Administration Achievements

- Indigenous ear health:
 - Was a consultant ENT specialist to Menzies School of Health Medicine for approximately 10 years.
 - Major activity was gathering data in various regions including Lajamanu, Katherine, Darwin outskirts, Elcho Island. At each of these places, teams of 3 – 5 people assessed ears and hearing of several hundred children.
 - Collaborated with Dr. Judith Boswell, especially her groundbreaking work assessing ears and hearing from birth to 18 months, which proved that problems began very early e.g. aged 6 months.
 - Ear health trips to remote Kimberley regions (2 with Western Australian Health) and Goldfields region (2 with EarBus team).
- Subspecialty interests – Pediatric ENT and Otology.
- Publications include: Post tonsillectomy bleeding presented at COSM and published in Archives.
- Invention and manufacturing of The Vorotek O Scope - Now used by almost 100% of Australian E.N.T.'s.
 - Improved versions of wax rings, hooks, ear speculums & pneumatic attachments
 - Speculum holding system for stapes surgery.
 - Operating HeadLight
 - HeadLight / Loupes combination
- Established Audiology led clinic at RCH. This clinic sees and completely deals with children with middle ear problems of minor severity.
- Awarded an Order of Australia (AM) 2016. For "significant service to medicine as an otolaryngologist, and through the invention and development of specialist surgical instruments." Also awarded the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in 2011

