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Lee Fineberg

Lee is an emergency physician with interests in EMS and medical education. Lee completed his ED training in Los Angeles in 1998 and a fellowship in aeromedical retrieval in Sydney in 2002. Although he was born and raised in the US he's neither a fan of fast food nor American football. Lee's career has spanned four continents and has included stints as the EMS director for Hawaii, the EP with the USAF's MFST in Europe and volunteer work in Asia and the Americas. He currently works in the ED's of St George Hospital in Sydney, Wollongong Hospital in the Illawarra Region of NSW and as a retrieval physician for a local HEMS service. Lee is a cofounder of DevelopingEM.

Mark Newcombe

Mark is currently employed as an emergency physician at The Wollongong Hospital in the Illawarra Region of NSW and as a retrieval physician for a local HEMS organisation. He has an interest in pre-hospital and retrieval medicine and has worked in a variety of retrieval services since 1996. Mark also has an interest in medical education, particularly with utilisation of evolving medical technologies in this process. He is a cofounder of DevelopingEM.

Sarah Dalton

Sarah is a Paediatric Emergency Physician at The Children's Hospital Westmead and Retrieval Specialist with the NSW Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport Service. She has an interest in Guideline development and a special interest in Traumatic Head Injury in Children. Sarah has a Masters of Health Management and has an active role in teaching on several resuscitation courses including Advanced Paediatric Life Support.



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Professor Peter Cameron

Peter completed his undergraduate training at Melbourne University and his Emergency Medicine fellowship training at the Western Hospital in Melbourne. He has also completed an MD in Trauma Epidemiology at Monash University. Peter is currently the President of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine (IFEM), Head of the Critical Care Division at Monash University, Academic Director of the Emergency and Trauma Centre at the Alfred Hospital, Head of the Victorian State Trauma Registry, Associate Director of the National Trauma Research Institute and Director of the Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety. Throughout his career he has attracted over \$20 million in competitive research funding and his main research interests include trauma epidemiology, injury prevention and management, pre-hospital care and health services and system research.

Professor Robert Suter

Robert graduated from Washington University in St Louis, then received his DO and MHA degrees from Des Moines University. He did his residency training in San Antonio and is board certified by ABEM and AOBEM. Robert is currently on the board of AAEM, Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, Des Moines University and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. He has previously served as President of the EMRA, President of ACEP, and President of IFEM. He has served on numerous state and national committees, been on the boards of several EMS organisations and was the Co-chair of the federal project "EMS Agenda for the Future". He has long term commitment to clinical excellence, teaching, and research in emergency medicine.



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Professor Richard Morris

Richard is the director of the Department of Anesthesia at St George Hospital in Sydney and has particular interests in neuroanaesthesia, cardiopulmonary bypass and critical care. He is the NSW Deputy State Medical Controller and for more than twenty years worked as part of specialist ambulance medical retrieval teams, retaining an interest in pre-hospital and disaster medicine. Richard has multiple academic roles and interests. He holds an Honorary Associate Professor title at the Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University. He was a founding director of the Sydney Medical Simulation Centre. He continues to be involved in education and training of paramedics, nurses, junior medical officers and trainees. In the past he has been an examiner and regional committee member for ANZCA. Richard has published over fifty articles and also has several patents in the area of medical simulation technology.

Anthony Lewis

Anthony is an anaesthetist who is a fellow of both the Royal and Australasian Anaesthetic Colleges. He works as a consultant at St George Hospital in Sydney and with the Greater Sydney Area Helicopter Emergency Medical Service. He has an interest in prehospital Medicine and education particularly in the area of simulation training. Anthony also has an evolving interest in the development of medical applications for smart devices.



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Neil Ballard

Neil is a FACEM with a special interest in retrieval medicine and prehospital care. He currently does operational retrieval and coordination work for ASNSW, and works as an emergency physician at Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney. Neil was the medical director of Careflight Queensland and has worked in multiple prehospital systems in London, Sydney, Brisbane and Central Australia. He has also worked as an emergency physician in Sydney and Brisbane. Neil has written chapters on aeromedical retrieval and is a member of the ACEM Committee on PreHospital Care and Aeromedical Retrieval.

Steve Asha

Steve completed a science degree in 1993, and a medical degree in 1997 at the University of NSW. He completed his fellowship in emergency medicine in 2004. He is currently undertaking a Master of Medicine in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Sydney. His current appointments include as a staff specialist in EM and director of EM research at St George Hospital in Sydney, VMO in EM at Ryde Hospital in Sydney and is a lecturer at the University of NSW. He has done multiple courses in emergency ultrasound.

Peter Grant

Peter is a senior emergency staff specialist based at St George Hospital in Sydney, and he also holds a VMO appointment at Calvary Hospital in the ACT. Peter has previously worked with Sydney Aeromedical Retrieval Service, served as the Director of Clinical Training and is a lecturer at the University of NSW. He has an interest in interactive medical education specialising in advanced ECG interpretation.



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Kent Robinson

Kent is an emergency physician with a special interest in pre-hospital medicine and medical education. Although, he was born in Australia, he grew up and completed his medical training in New Zealand. He is an avid supporter of the "All Blacks" and the Otago Highlanders, and is looking forward to this years season when the Tri-Nations trophy will be brought back to its rightful place in NZ. He currently works on staff in the emergency department of Liverpool Hospital, and is a retrieval physician working with the Greater Sydney Area Helicopter Emergency Service. He is currently a member of the NSW Taskforce 1 USAR TEAM, and last year was deployed to Christchurch following the February 2011 earthquake.

Matthew Bragg

Matthew is an emergency physician working at Liverpool Hospital in Sydney, Bowral Hospital in the NSW Southern Highlands, and for the Greater Sydney Area Helicopter Emergency Medical Service. He has an interest in ultrasonography, with a postgraduate certificate in clinical ultrasound from the University of Melbourne and Certificate in Clinical Performed Ultrasound from the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. Matthew also has an interest in quality assurance and is Chair of the Clinical Advisory Committee of the Emergency Care Institute.



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Andrew Bezzina

Andrew is a Senior Staff Specialist in Emergency Medicine and currently works in emergency departments and intensive care units in Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital, Figtree Private Hospital, Bowral District Hospital and Tamworth Base Hospital. He has been the Illawarra Area Director for Emergency Medicine, Department Director for Emergency Medicine at Wollongong and Senior Staff Specialist in Emergency Medicine. Andrew has also worked in Ireland and Canada. He has a significant background in education especially in rural and remote settings. Andrew has particular interests in Decision making in Emergency Medicine, Advance Care Directives in the Emergency Department and Emergency Department systems.

Steve Korbel

Steve is an emergency staff specialist and Co-Director of Emergency Medicine Training at St George Hospital in Sydney. He completed his medical degree at the University of NSW in 1996 and his emergency fellowship in 2007. Steve has an interest in education and ultrasound and has completed multiple ultrasound courses in Queensland and NSW.

Ed Oakley

Ed is the Director of Paediatric Emergency Medicine at the Monash Medical Centre in Victoria. He is the current Chair of the Paediatric Research in Emergency Departments International Collaborative (PREDICT). Ed's Interests include trauma, toxicology, teamwork, children in mixed emergency departments, and adverse events. He also has an interest in research, research networks, creating evidence to fill evidence gaps, and translating evidence into clinical practice.



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John MacKenzie

John is a New Zealand medical graduate with a broad experience in primary care, prehospital and emergency medicine. He is a director of the Australian Institute for Clinical Education eLearning arm and project officer for the Emergency Care Institute, a subsidiary of the Agency for Clinical Innovation. John develops and publishes eLearning modules for various organisations including ACEM. He is currently employed as an emergency staff specialist at Prince Of Wales Hospital in Sydney. John allows his obsessive nature to drive development and research of IT initiatives in medical education, not unlike your children watching youtube for 12 hours a day. He is a keen cyclist who can ride his very overpriced carbon fibre masterpiece for endless hours for no apparent reason while maintaining a good "life balance", an opinion not shared by his family.

Nick Piggott

Nick is a staff specialist in paediatric intensive care medicine at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, having previously been a staff specialist in PICU and Director of Trauma at Sydney Children's Hospital. Prior to this, he had been a consultant in paediatric cardiac intensive care at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London. Nick's areas of interest include cardiac intensive care, extracorporeal life support, trauma, retrieval medicine and human factors and safety.



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Ricardo Hamilton

Ricardo was the trauma fellow for 2010 at Liverpool Hospital and currently is a staff specialist in general surgery and trauma surgery. Though a native West Indian, he spent over five years in Johannesburg, South Africa training in general and trauma surgery. Ricardo is enthusiastic about structured trauma care, acute care surgical management and surgical critical care. He is eager to learn Australian methods to later compliment the healthcare systems in the Bahamas and the Caribbean. Ricardo is the Deputy Director of the Trauma Department at Liverpool Hospital in southwest Sydney and is a conjoint associate lecture at UNSW.

Stewart Birt

Stewart is a General Paediatrician who works in the Emergency Department. He works in the Emergency department of the beautiful city of Wollongong. He trained at Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney and the John Hunter Children's Hospital in Newcastle. Stewart has worked as a locum paediatrician throughout regional New South Wales and other states of Australia. His time is taken up with interests in Paediatric Endocrinology, Medical Education, his wife Ros and 4 children, rugby union, French language and good wine.



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Alex Tzannes

Alex is an emergency physician by training and works at St George Hospital, Sydney. He is also a retrieval consultant with the ASNSW Greater Sydney Area HEMS. His special interests include simulation and high fidelity teaching for trauma and critical care. He has contributed to Major Incident planning and training at a local level, and was part of the USAR taskforce deployed to Japan following the 2011 tsunami.

Peter Smith

Born Juan Antonio Guardelupo, I fled Portillo's oppressive regime in 1978 and landed in outback NSW as a political refugee. After undergoing numerous identity changing surgeries, I finally settled on the inconspicuous name of Peter Smith to take up a post in Medicine through the "Displaced Persons Policy" of the Whitlam Labour Government. My interest in ultrasound was fostered by an experience I had with a security check at the border. If something that small can give the holder so much information and the receiver so much pleasure, surely there is a market for it – I thought to myself. To legitimise this perversion, I undertook numerous courses and have achieved accreditation status as an Emergency Sonographer and sit as one of the NSW representatives on the Ultrasound in Emergency Medicine sub-committee of ACEM.



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Kimberly Cartwright

Kim graduated from Stanford University in California and received her MD and internal medicine training from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She trained in clinical and laboratory haematology at Baylor, Concord and Royal North Shore Hospitals in Sydney. She is a senior consultant haematologist at Wollongong and Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospitals and Clinical Associate Professor with the University of Wollongong, Graduate School of Medicine. She loves the diversity of her speciality from laboratory analysis to the clinical care of patients with benign and malignant haematological disorders.

Donovan Dwyer

Donovan Dwyer attained his Medical Degree in South Africa in 1989. After 2 years of training at Baragwanath's 2000 bed hospital he entered into the 1st world wilderness of international rural GP locum work in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, in an attempt to pay back a hefty student loan. Two years of ED/Trauma in Johannesburg followed with Diplomas in Paediatrics and Emergency Care. A year of 'Round the World' travel with a great woman culminated in the discovery of and migration to stunning Sydney, Australia in 1996. Donovan completed his FACEM in 2000 then worked as a Paediatric Emergency Fellow before beginning as an ED Staff Specialist at St George in 2001. In 2007 he rekindled his interest in Paediatric Emergency and commenced a half time position at Sydney Children's Hospital Emergency Department. He continues to be in great debt, but has two not-too-needy children, the same great (working) woman and Sydney to make it all worthwhile.



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Nathalie Thurtle

Natalie trained in the UK and is now an ACEM advanced trainee working in Alice Springs. She has spent considerable time working with Médecins Sans Frontières, most recently on the Zamfara lead poisoning disaster in Northern Nigeria, both in-country as the Medical Team Leader during the emergency, and more recently in the MSF London office as Health Advisor for heavy metal poisoning.

Fran Lockie

Fran Lockie is a United Kingdom / Australian trained paediatric emergency physician working at Sydney Children's Hospital. He has interests in sepsis, head injury and the pre-hospital, ICU, ED interface.

Gary Tall

Gary is an emergency physician and retrievalist. He is also the NSW State Medical Controller. He has seen a bit, done a bit and by his own admission is the second best triathlete in his family.



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Michael Novy

Michael is a senior staff specialist in Emergency Medicine, with over 12 years experience in the field of pre-hospital and retrieval Medicine. Working with the Ambulance Service of NSW, he has been deployed to a number of major incidents from Train derailments, to bombings, earthquakes and Tsunamis, both in Australia and overseas. The experiences gained working in these varied campaigns, has given Michael, a unique perspective into the anatomy of a disaster, and an understanding of what is not taught in Disaster Courses.

Fiona Sarode

Fiona commenced her Medical Imaging career as a Diagnostic Radiographer and graduated with distinction in Ultrasound from Queensland University of Technology in 1992. She holds a Masters in Diagnostic Ultrasound, a post Graduate Certificate in Online Education, and a Training & Education Certificate IV. Fiona has worked extensively in general and vascular ultrasound focussing on ultrasound training in hospital and commercial based positions in Australia, Asia Pacific and the United Kingdom. She has held in charge vascular ultrasound positions in Singapore and Sydney. Fiona has recently returned from three years in Hong Kong where she worked at a large private hospital as a sonographer, followed by three years in The Netherlands where she was employed as a medical imaging education consultant for a Dutch education provider focussing on ultrasound education of emerging countries in Africa. Since her return to Sydney she has been actively involved in ultrasound educational course writing to include recently completing two online tutorials for The Australian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM) which are currently being offered to the Diagnostic Diploma of Ultrasound (DDU) candidates.



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Andrew Haig

Andrew is proudly British from the north of England, grandson of a coal miner, son of a sailor and worked in a factory after school from the age of 6 years, often sleeping under the machinery before getting up early to do a paper round before school. He gained a scholarship to the local Grammar School aged 11 years, being the only kid in the area who could read and write, before heading up to London to attend medical school with aspirations to be a plastic surgeon in Hollywood. Through a strange twist of fate ended up in Australia as an emergency medicine trainee (having boarded the wrong plane at Heathrow) during which time he gained an interest in ultrasound and echocardiography, largely in response to obstructive radiologists and cardiologists who seemed less than interested in engaging in emergency patients. Andrew is now working as an emergency physician, occasional sonologist and echocardiologist, but still harbours dreams of heading to Hollywood.

Dr Lewis Macken

Lewis is a senior staff specialist at Royal North Shore Hospital Intensive Care Unit. He worked for many years as an emergency physician, before re-training in intensive care medicine. Lewis has previously been the Director of the Emergency Department and Director of Emergency Medicine Training at Royal North Shore Hospital, and the Director of Trauma at St George Hospital. He was an examiner for the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine for many years. He feels it is a privilege to work in the ICU at RNS, and has special interests in quality assurance and burns management in the ICU. He is also a core member of the Medical Experts Committee of Avant Insurance, Australia's largest medical defence organisation



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