

Dr David Paul Ness
 M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S., F.A.Orth.A., C.I.M.E.
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON

QUALIFICATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Fellow of the Australian Orthopaedic Association
- Certified Independent Medical Examiner, American Board of Independent Medical Examiners

CURRENT / FORMER POSITIONS

- Private Orthopaedic Practice
- Visiting Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mater Private Hospital, Townsville
- Visiting Orthopaedic Surgeon, Park Haven Private Hospital, Townsville
- Visiting Medical Officer, Townsville General Hospital, Townsville
- Director of Orthopaedics, Nambour General Hospital, 1986–1993
- Director of Orthopaedics, Townsville General Hospital, 1993–1996
- Director of Orthopaedics, Townsville Hospital, 2003–2005
- Member of Q-Comp Medical Assessment Tribunal
- Member of Australian Orthopaedic Association Medicolegal Group

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

• <u>Neck Injuries</u> – whiplash and other injuries	• <u>Pelvic Injuries</u> and <u>Lower Limb Injuries</u>
• <u>Shoulder Injuries</u>	• <u>Sporting Injuries</u>
• <u>Spinal Injuries</u> – ruptured discs, sciatica, low back pain and scoliosis	• <u>Joint Reconstruction</u> and <u>Joint Replacement</u>
• <u>Arthritis</u> and <u>Osteoporosis</u>	• <u>Fractures</u> and <u>Dislocations</u>
• <u>Hand Injuries</u>	

SUMMARY

Dr David Ness holds primary degrees in both Medicine and Surgery from the University of Queensland. He holds a Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and is a Fellow of the Australian Orthopaedic Association. He completed his orthopaedic training in England.

Dr Ness has been a practising Orthopaedic Surgeon for over twenty years. He was Director of Orthopaedics at the Nambour General Hospital and the Townsville General Hospital. He was Senior Specialist in Orthopaedics at the Townsville Hospital for six years and has been Senior Visiting Specialist in Orthopaedics for three years.

Dr Ness' special areas of expertise are in hip and knee replacement, arthroplasty and surgery of the hand. He also has significant interest in medicolegal reporting and ongoing orthopaedic education and training. Dr Ness is recognised as an objective, unbiased, balanced medicolegal reporter.

He holds an appointment with the Q-Comp Medical Assessment Tribunal and is a Certified Independent Medical Examiner, certified with the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners.