

**Dr Robert Barnett**

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**INTENSIVIST/ANAESTHESIOLOGIST**

**QUALIFICATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, University of Queensland
- Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
- Fellow of the College of Intensive Care Medicine

**CURRENT POSITIONS**

- Director of Medical Services, Holy Spirit Northside Hospital
- Director of Intensive Care, Holy Spirit Northside Hospital

**FORMER POSITIONS**

- Director of Intensive Care, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Woolloongabba
- Director of Intensive Care, Townsville General Hospital, Townsville
- Medical Director Wesley Centre for Hyperbaric Medicine, Auchenflower
- Visiting Professor, University of Alberta Hospitals, Edmonton, Canada
- Member of the National Board, Faculty of Intensive Care
- Member of the Board, St Vincent's and Holy Spirit Health, Chermside

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

• <b><u>Drug Interactions</u></b>	• <b><u>Effect of Renal Impairment on Drug Mechanics</u></b>
• <b><u>Drug Toxicity</u></b>	• <b><u>Hyperbaric Medicine</u></b> – The medical use of oxygen at a higher level than atmospheric pressure
• <b><u>Multiple Organ Failure</u></b>	

**SUMMARY**

**Dr Robert Barnett** graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Queensland in 1982. After training in both Queensland and Canada he was awarded a dual Fellowship in both Anaesthesia and Critical Care Medicine in 1990. He then returned to Canada for four years and worked as Programme Director, Intensive Care Unit in Edmonton. In 1994 he returned to public practice in Queensland for ten years during which time he was Director of the Intensive Care Units in both Townsville and later at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

In 2004 he moved into the private sector and in 2005 became Director of the Intensive Care Unit and Director of Medical Services at Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital.

As an Anaesthesiologist and Intensivist, Dr Barnett can give an expert opinion on drug interactions. The topic of drug interactions is complex, involving knowledge of a large number of seemingly isolated facts. In the practise of their specialty; Anaesthesiologists' make considerable use of the interactions to the benefit of their patients. More complicated are interactions between drugs which may be needed for patients' care, anaesthesia and their prescription medications, or drugs they have recently or regularly ingested. These kinds of interactions may be dangerous for the patients and it is the job of the Anaesthesiologist and Intensivist to identify and negate these reactions before they occur.