

Neurosurgeon | Pain Medicine Physician | Rehabilitation Physician

Dr Leigh Atkinson AO

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QUALIFICATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
- Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons – Neurosurgery
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
- Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)
- Fellow of Faculty of Pain Management, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
- Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (F.R.A.C.P.)
- American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (A.B.I.M.E.), AMA5, June 2014
- Queensland Workers' Compensation Scheme Guidelines for Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (GEPI), Core, Spine and Nervous System
- Comcare: Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment, Second Edition
- Australian Centenary Medal, 2003
- Officer of the Order of Australia, 2004

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Organic Brain Injury** – Paediatric and adult
- **Congenital Abnormalities of Central Nervous System**
- **Cerebral Aneurysms and "stroke"**
- **Spinal Injuries and Cauda Equina Injuries**
- **Chronic Post Traumatic Pain Disorders**
- **Complex Regional Pain Syndrome**
- **Rehabilitation**

SUMMARY

Dr Leigh Atkinson graduated from the University of Queensland in 1962 and trained as a neurosurgeon at the Mater Hospital, Brisbane, and at the Department of Surgical Neurology in Edinburgh, gaining Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) in 1967. He was later the Founding Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Dr Atkinson developed his interest in persistent pain while training in Edinburgh as a Neurosurgeon. In 1979 he co-founded a multidisciplinary pain clinic at that hospital. More recently Dr Atkinson was the Director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Management Programme at The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

Dr Atkinson has extensive neurosurgical and pain medicine experience both in Queensland Hospitals and private practice.

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Court of Honour RACS
- Q-COMP Medical Assessment Tribunal Member, Neurology/Neurosurgical Tribunal

FORMER POSITIONS

- Vice President – Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)
- President – Neurosurgical Society Of Australia
- Second Vice President and Treasurer – World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies
- Honorary President – Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons
- Dean – Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA)
- Visiting Medical Staff – Mater Hospitals, Princess Alexandra Hospital and Wesley Hospital
- Director of Multidisciplinary Pain Management Programme, The Wesley Hospital, Auchenflower