

## **Emeritus Professor David John Henderson-Smart AO**

It is with great sadness that PSN announces the passing of David Henderson-Smart on the 7th of February 2013 in Hobart.

David graduated from the University of Sydney in 1969 and he went on to specialise in neonatal care and the broad specialty of perinatal care.

From 1979 – 1990 he was the Director of Neonatal Intensive Care at the King George V Memorial Hospital for Mothers and Babies (KGV).

He was appointed Professor of Perinatal Medicine and Head of Perinatal Medicine at KGV in 1988 having been a clinical lecturer since 1979.

He was a consulting physician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children from 1990.

In 1991 David became the inaugural Director of NSW Perinatal Services Network (PSN) until his retirement in 2007.

He was a member of the Paediatric Research Society of Australia from 1991.

In 1983 he helped to establish the Australian Perinatal Society (which became the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand) holding leadership roles including Deputy President in 1986-87 and President in 1989-90. He was awarded a lifelong membership of the Society for his contributions to perinatal medicine.

In 1996 he established and was Director of the Centre for Perinatal Health Services Research.

From 2002 he was Arbiter of the Cochrane Collaboration, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Renal Review Group and member of the Steering Committee of the Australasian Cochrane Centre.

He was appointed Professor of Public Health at University of Sydney in 2003.

He was an honorary life member of the British Association of Perinatal Medicine.

In 2006 he was awarded an AO for his contributions to perinatal medicine.

He was a prolific writer and publisher with over 500 publications on perinatal care.



David was in demand both, locally, nationally and internationally as a speaker on perinatal care

His passion was research and he was the recipient of numerous grants; some for over \$1,000,000 that have contributed to improvements in perinatal care here in Australia and overseas.

David will be remembered for his significant contributions to perinatal care on a state-wide, national and international level.