

# case notes

**James C Biggs AM  
MBBS 1955  
Alan J Concannon  
MBBS 1966**



Both of us are retired haematologists having spent most of working lives at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, James having been appointed the foundation Director of the combined Clinical and Laboratory Haematology Department in 1968. James continues teaching medicine in phase 1 of the UNSW curriculum, while Alan maintains a continued interest in art history. Our latest project was to co-author a new publication entitled *The Evolution of Haematology at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney, 1857 – 2010*. The book is in two parts, the first a narrative history of the specialty from the foundation of the hospital in 1857 up to the present (with relevant background material) and the second a compilation of over fifty memoirs of the department from past and present members of it: doctors, nurses, scientists, technologists, office staff and social workers. Some of these memoirs stretch back to the late 1940s.

Information regarding purchase of the book can be obtained by

contacting the Haematology Department at St. Vincent's – telephoning Mairi Payten or Annabel Horne on 83822677 or emailing [mpayten@stvincents.com.au](mailto:mpayten@stvincents.com.au) The cost is \$30 per copy and postage and all proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Haematology Research Fund at St Vincent's.

**Anthony Reading  
MBBS 1957**



I am Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the University of South Florida in Tampa and I have just had a new book published: *Meaningful Information: The Bridge Between Biology, Brain and Behavior*. A description of the book can be found at: [springer.com/life+sciences/evolutionary+%26+developmental+biology/book/978-1-4614-0157-5](http://springer.com/life+sciences/evolutionary+%26+developmental+biology/book/978-1-4614-0157-5).

**Kai-Yan Quek  
MBBS 1961**



I did my residency at Royal Newcastle Hospital. Whilst an RMO I completed my Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Health. From 1965 to 7 I did locum work and honorary work in Sydney Hospital, Royal North

Shore Hospital, St Vincent Hospital as well as being RMO at Concord Hospital. I started my GP practice in 1967 in Ryde.

I am married to Victoria and we had two boys and a girl. They are all professional, one a doctor, another a dentist and one a chartered accountant.

I am now semi-retired and interested in investment, reading, traveling, computer and enjoying my grand children.

**Bruce Harris  
MBBS 1965**



I have just been awarded the RACGP Brian Williams Award for 2011. It was presented in Hobart at the Conference for General Practice by Dr Kathryn Kirkpatrick and she had this to say about me:

“Dr Harris passion for rural practice and rural general practitioners is second to none having great concern for the future of rural general practice and how we will educate the next generation of rural general practitioners. He has consistently shown a dedication to rural general practice throughout the length of his career, which spans over 40 years. Dr Harris also understands the importance of mentoring students and registrars as the future of general practice.

“He takes a keen interest in the progress of the medical students who pass through the Dubbo campus, following their careers as interns, residents and registrars. The commitment Dr Harris consistently

shows towards educating the next generation of rural general practitioners is indicative of why he was awarded this honour.”

Although I am really pleased to receive this award, I accept this honour together with the many rural doctors, both past and present, who have long advocated for rural health reform and who have worked tirelessly to make a difference for rural communities.

**David J Farrar  
MBBS 1978**



I have been working in general internal medicine in Cambridge, Massachusetts at Harvard-affiliated Mount Auburn Hospital which has given me the experience of dealing with the vagaries of the US healthcare system and shoveling snow to get the car out in the morning! I have made it a hobby to teach the locals how to speak Australian slang.

**Jeffrey Looi  
MBBS 1992**

I graduated Doctor of Medicine, as the third recipient of the degree from the Australian National University, in July 2011. The doctorate was awarded on examination of his published work on neuroanatomy, cognitive neuroscience and neuropsychiatry. I am Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Academic Unit of Psychological and Addiction Medicine at ANU Medical School. My research interests encompass cognitive



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neuroscience and neuroimaging in neurodegenerative disease; involving collaborations with the Karolinska Institute, University of Lund, University of Melbourne and University of California, Los Angeles (where I was a Fulbright Scholar in 2005). I am still in part-time clinical practice in the private and public sector, and an Associate Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators, actively involved as a bi-national Fellow representative for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, as well as working with the Australian Medical Association.

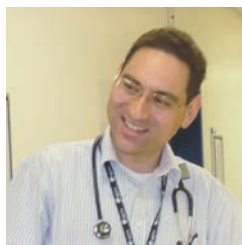
**Michael Reade  
MBBS 1996**



In November 2011 I will take up the position of Defence Professor of Military Medicine and Surgery at the University of Queensland,

with a conjoint clinical appointment in the Intensive Care Unit of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. My position is central to the development of a new program of trauma research relevant to both Defence members and the Australian civilian community, funded by Defence, using as a model the highly successful military medical research program in the US and UK.

**Anthony Zahetner  
MBBS 2001**



I have just published a chapter entitled "Psychopharmacology – The use of medication to treat challenging behaviour in children and adolescents". It is in *Mental Health of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: A Framework for Professional Practice* by Dossetor D, White D & Whatson L (eds.) IP

Communications, Victoria (2011). It is available from [mipcommunications.com.au](http://mipcommunications.com.au) and all good bookstores!

**Mark Dennis  
MBBS 2010**



I have been completing an Internship and residency in Wollongong Hospital and trying to get out from underneath the pile of paperwork a JMO manages. In my spare time I, with two other Alumni, Lucy Cho and Talbot Bowen, have published a textbook called *Mechanisms of Clinical Signs* (October 2011) explaining the mechanisms behind all those signs we learnt through our time a Sydney Medical School on clinical days. I have also taken an active role in the NSW Doctors In Training forum and local hospital medical teaching and education.

Other than this I am looking forward to a trip to Nepal, continuing

a new hobby in bike riding and taking an active interest how one manages to actually enter the Sydney property market.

**Errata: Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver, AM  
MPHlth '98, PhDMed '04**

Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Queen's birthday list – not OAM as reported in the last issue of *Radius*. Professor Jackson Pulver is a Director of the Lowitja Institute, and Co-Founder and Director of Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit at the University of New South Wales.

She was honoured for service to medical education, particularly through the Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit at the University of New South Wales, and as a support of educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.'

In 2004, Lisa Jackson Pulver broke new ground by becoming the first Indigenous person to receive a PhD in medicine from the University of Sydney and has subsequently become one of the nation's most prominent researchers and advocates in Indigenous health.



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