**Citation – Honorary Associate Professor Catherine Storey OAM**

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Presiding Pro-Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Honorary Associate Professor Catherine Storey OAM to you for an Honorary Fellowship of the University in recognition of her significant contributions in the field of medicine, to neurology, education and the history of medicine.

Catherine graduated from the University of Sydney and began her career in medicine in 1972 as a junior resident medical officer at the Royal North Shore Hospital. She was one of the first women to train in neurology under the new rules of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in the 1970s, and spent several years studying neurology at the National Hospital in Queen Square, London before returning to Australia. She was the head of the Royal North Shore Hospital Stroke Unit from 1997 to 2010 and head of the hospital’s Neurology Department from 1999 to 2007.

Catherine retired from clinical practice in 2010 and has since worked tirelessly on archiving and documenting the history of medicine as it relates to the Royal North Shore Hospital, the Sydney Medical School and the University of Sydney. In 2014, she started a collection relating to the history of Sydney Medical School. When the Medical School Museum was officially opened in 2016, much of this material was placed on permanent display. She is currently the Managing Curator of the Medical School Museum.

In 2015, Catherine took on the role of Honorary Archivist at the Royal North Shore Hospital and the Northern Clinical School. She has reorganised and catalogued the extensive archival collection at the hospital and promoted it to researchers. Her work has encouraged students to undertake historical research projects.

Catherine has been a diligent and devoted supporter of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians’ internationally renowned History of Medicine Library, which houses a leading collection of medical history items from Australasia and around the world.

Her contributions to activities of the University of Sydney have been diverse and generous. She was involved in clinical teaching at the University and acted as a supervisor for research students. She is a passionate supporter of the Rare Books Collection at Fisher Library, having curated a number of excellent exhibitions from its resources. In recent years, shortly before the demolition of the Blackburn Building, she arranged and personally conducted a series of historical tours of the building, emphasising its architecture and historical importance to the University. She wrote a short history of the building, which was published in the Medical Journal of Australia.

Catherine has been President of the Medical Alumni Association since 2010 and is a life member of the Sydney University Union. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and an active participant in its work. She is also a member of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences and a regular contributor to its annual conferences. She was appointed to the committee responsible for administering the Harold and Gwenneth Harris Endowment for the Medical Humanities at the University of Sydney that, in 2017, offered a number of small fellowships to students to undertake projects combining creative arts with health and the humanities.

In 2011, Catherine was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of her service to medicine in the field of neurology, to stroke education, and to professional associations. She is widely recognised as a pioneer in education for patients and their carers.

Catherine has made, and continues to make, an outstanding and inspiring impact as a historian of medicine. Her unique contributions to the history of medicine and neurology will leave a lasting legacy within the University of Sydney, the teaching hospitals she has worked in and the broader community of physicians and surgeons.

Presiding Pro-Chancellor, I present Honorary Associate Professor Catherine Storey OAM and invite you to confer the title of Honorary Fellow of the University upon her.