

Dr Michael John Campion

The honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon Michael Campion by the Chancellor, Ms Belinda Hutchinson AM at a Faculty of Medicine graduation at 11.30am on 21 April 2016.

Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Dr Michael John Campion to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine (honoris causa).

Dr Campion graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine degree and Bachelor of Surgery degree at University of New South Wales. After completing an internship and residency at Royal North Shore Hospital, he began Fellowship training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St Margaret's Hospital, Surry Hills and was then rotated to Blacktown District Hospital where he helped establish an early Rape Crisis Centre.

Dr Campion undertook further Fellowship training at the Royal London Hospital in the UK and completed a Clinical Research Fellowship in Gynaecological Oncology through the British Cancer Research Campaign. He was the Scientific Program Director of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology from 1985 till 1987 and during this time he received the Victor-Bonney Award from the London Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society for his research into the role of human papilloma viruses in the causation of cervical cancer and the Israel State Medal for research in gynaecological cancer.

He moved to the USA to become Director of Gynaecologic Research, St Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta and Visiting Scientist at the Centres for Disease Control, Atlanta, receiving recognition as a Physician of International Renown. He was also appointed Associate Professor at Morehouse University and Macon School of Medicine. During this time, he received the Georgia Highlands Medical Services Merit Award for organising and implementing gynaecological cancer screening and treatment for women in rural Georgia.

Dr Campion then became Director of Gynaecological Endoscopy at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He was elected to the Philadelphia College of Physicians and was appointed the Scientific Program Director of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) where he received a number of awards for clinical research.

In 1997, he returned to Australia to take up the position as Director of the Preinvasive Unit, Gynaecological Cancer Centre, Royal Hospital for Women and continues in this role to this day.

In 1998 Dr Campion was deployed as Consultant Surgeon, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, to Bougainville and in 1999 and 2001 to East Timor. He deployed as Consultant Surgeon and Gynaecologist in Banda Aceh, Indonesia after the Indian Ocean tsunami and was awarded a Chief of Army Commendation for his service in saving lives in these countries. He has also been deployed in Iraq, the Middle-East and Afghanistan and received a Certificate of Commendation for surgical services to the American Military Hospital at Tallil, Iraq.

In 2005, he received the Royal Recognition Award for Improvement in Patient Care Award from the Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney and for many years has provided an advanced gynaecological service to the indigenous and non-indigenous population of rural and remote north-western NSW.

His team received the 2014 NSW Secretary for Health Award in the Annual NSW Aboriginal Health Awards for his program of Culturally Sensitive Nurse Led Colposcopy for Rural and Remote Indigenous Women. He is a Conjoint Associate Professor in the School of Women's and Child Health, University of NSW and received the 2014 Conjoint Teaching Award for the Best Teaching Service by a Conjoint Staff Member for the University of New South Wales.

Dr Campion has given long and distinguished service to St John Ambulance Australia. He served as the Chairman of the Ophthalmic Hospital Branch in NSW, and was the National Hospitalier of St John Ambulance Australia and served on the State and National Board of Directors.

Dr Campion is a Commander of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and a Knight of the Sovereign Military and Hospitalier Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta. He was awarded the Military Division of the Cross of Merit, for his service to the Order and in recognition of his extensive military service to Australia.

As a Colonel in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, Michael Campion is currently the Director, Health Services Army Reserve NSW/ACT, the Army representative on the Regional Health Advisory Group and has been recently appointed as Senior Health Advisor (Army) to Joint Health Command. In 2013, he received a Commander of Second Division Commendation for his service as the longest serving Senior Medical Officer on the Headquarters of the 5th Brigade.

He has published over sixty academic papers, articles and book chapters and has lectured around the world in relation to many research and clinical aspects of gynaecology, particularly in the area of cervical cancer causation and prevention and has been awarded Honorary Membership of the Canadian, Argentinean, Mexican, Columbian, Singaporean and Iranian Societies for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology.

Chancellor, I present Dr Michael John Campion for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine (Honoris Causa), and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.