



Professor Wayne Allan J Morrison

Wayne Morrison began his Plastic Surgery training at St Vincent's hospital Melbourne during the evolutionary period of microsurgery in 1972 and St Vincent's was at the forefront of this movement led by Bernard O'Brien. Free flaps had immediate application to many of the then insoluble challenges associated with Head and Neck reconstruction. He continued post graduate training in Glasgow (Ian McGregor), Paris (Raoul Tubiana) and Miami (Ralph Millard) and was appointed to the plastic unit at St Vincent's Hospital in 1976.

From the beginning, initially under the leadership of Allan McLeod, he was actively involved with facial and head and neck reconstruction including the replantation of facial parts including scalps and a whole face, soft tissue and composite bone reconstruction following intra-oral cancer and major skin cancer resections, muscle transfers for facial reanimation, congenital deformities and maxillo-facial trauma.

Gradually a strong collaboration was forged with the ENT, Head and Neck department at St Vincent's and this has since evolved into a major Multidisciplinary Care Centre model in Melbourne.

In 1991 he was appointed Professor of Surgery at St Vincent's, University of Melbourne as well as Head of the Plastic Surgery unit where he continued his leadership in Head and Neck surgery reconstruction. Throughout his career he has had an active basic science and clinical research involvement focused on microsurgery and tissue transfer including the prefabrication of skin and composite tissue flaps especially for facial and head and neck reconstruction. More recently the research involves Tissue Engineering where the body healing mechanisms are manipulated to regenerate their own tissue. He was appointed Director of the O'Brien Research Institute in 1992, an independent surgical research centre at St Vincent's, until its merger with St Vincent's Institute in 2015

Prof. Morrison has written the book "Reconstructive Microsurgery" with Bernard O'Brien, published more than 300 articles in the clinical and basic science literature, awarded numerous NH&MC and Philanthropic research grants, an honorary fellowship of the RCS Ire and memberships to international societies, delivered multiple named international lectureships and appointed president of several societies including the World Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery (WSRM). In 2001 he was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia and the Prince Henry's medal (RACS). In 2013 he was awarded the prestigious Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Cancer Society Medal of Excellence and in 2016 he was nominated a "Pioneer of Hand Surgery" by the International Society for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).