

Allan Malcolm MacLeod

1936-2002

Allan MacLeod studied medicine while training in the Royal Australian Air Force. After completing his junior resident years he worked for the RAAF in Malaysia and Thailand. He then trained in surgery at St Vincent's under Dick Newing and in plastic surgery under Sir Benjamin Rank at the Victorian Plastic Surgery Unit at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital. In 1970 and 1971, Allan undertook further training in plastic surgery at St George's Hospital, London and at Shriners' Burn Unit in Boston, developing expertise in reconstruction of the head and neck after cancer surgery.

In 1972, he returned to Melbourne where he worked at St Vincent's under Bernard O'Brien and Dick Newing, and at the Repatriation General Hospital. Among his many contributions to plastic surgery was the development of a technique to overcome the problem of dry eye, which involved transfer of the salivary gland. He authored over 50 scientific papers, mentored many plastic surgeons from around the world, and was a consultant plastic surgeon to the RAAF.

In 1993, he succeeded Bernard O'Brien as head of the Plastic and Microsurgery Unit at St Vincent's, continuing in the role until 2000 when he became head of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute.

Credit:

See Anthony Penington, "Obituary: A/Professor Allan Malcolm MacLeod", *Surgical News*, 4, 2, 2003, and 'Vale Allan MacLeod Plastic Surgeon 1936-2002', *Bernard O'Brien Institute of Microsurgery Annual Report 2003/2004*