

## **For Professional Audiences**

Clinical Associate Professor Max Brinsmead has been practising medicine since 1970.

After undergraduate and postgraduate training in Brisbane and Auckland, he was, for almost 20 years, a Lecturer in Reproductive Medicine at the University of Newcastle. For about half of that time he was also the Director of Obstetrics at the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, New South Wales.

For six years Max conducted a private practice in general obstetrics and gynaecology at the Baringa Private Hospital and as a Visiting Medical Officer at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus on the mid north coast of NSW.

Max retired in 2006 and worked in in locum posts in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the United Kingdom.

His special interests included infertility, the medical management of gynaecological problems and the role of midwives and general practitioners in obstetrics.

His CV includes 34 publications in refereed journals, 16 invited publications and six books.

He is a Life Member of the Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute and continues to teach medical undergraduates at the Rural School of Medicine in Coffs Harbour. He spends a few hours each month as a surgical assistant at the Baringa Private Hospital and the remainder of his time either walking with friends in Coffs Harbour or working on his orchard in Nimbin.

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## For Patient and Lay Audiences

Dr Brinsmead has over 30 years of experience in reproductive medicine. He trained and researched in obstetrics in Brisbane and Auckland, New Zealand between 1973 and 1978. Prior to moving to Coffs Harbour in 2000 he was Clinical Associate Professor of Reproductive Medicine at the University of Newcastle, NSW and Director of Obstetrics at the John Hunter Hospital.

Dr Brinsmead has been involved in assisting couples with infertility since 1980 and was a part of the Lingard Fertility Centre team that saw the first IVF babies born in the Hunter region in the mid 80's. In 1999 Dr Brinsmead spent 12 months with the Sheffield Fertility Centre, United Kingdom.

During his six years as a private obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Baringa Private Hospital in Coffs Harbour Dr Brinsmead personally conducted about 100 births per annum and was responsible for the delivery care of another 240 babies per year at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus.

He retired from that practice in 2006 but continues to offer his services as a volunteer in New Guinea and relieving specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology throughout Australia and New Zealand. He is also a teacher and mentor to medical students and postgraduates.

Dr Brinsmead enjoys travelling, reading and bush walking.

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