

**Citation for Associate Professor Les Reti AM
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Associate Professor Les Reti's commitment to Australian women's health and public health as a personal physician, innovator and advocate, is without peer.

Since graduating with an MBBS in 1972, Dr Reti has become respected not only for his clinical obstetrics and gynaecology expertise, but also for his dedicated leadership in improving the quality and safety of healthcare on local, state and national levels.

As well as a Senior Gynaecologist at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne (the Women's), he is the Director of Clinical Governance; a Lecturer at University of Melbourne, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Health at La Trobe University.

He has been a highly valued Board Member of Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre since December 2013, is Chair of their Quality Committee, is on their Research Committee and is a past member of their Finance Committee.

Dr Reti spent five years as an academic Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the University of Melbourne and Leicester University in the UK before his appointment to the Women's in Melbourne in 1982. He became Head of Unit in 1989 and from 1994-95 was Chairman of the Gynaecology staff.

Dr Reti ensured the future commitment to quality and safety at the Women's by lobbying successfully for the inclusion of quality improvement in the training of O&G trainees, leading to the development of a 12 month position for a trainee as a Fellow in Quality and Safety. This led to a more thorough, cohesive and transparent assessment and reporting system at the Women's.

In his professional roles over a 40 year career he has been instrumental in promoting and leading quality improvement across the hospital. With his knowledge and compassion he has developed and championed some of Victoria's most successful and well-regarded programs with women's health and wellbeing at their core.

For 29 years Dr Reti has been dedicated to preventing violence against women. He has guided policy and developed progressive programs and new systems which have made a direct and positive difference to the health and wellbeing of thousands of people.

He has had many significant roles - too numerous to list here - on quality and safety committees including some high-profile appointments.

Les Reti has shown genuine and insightful understanding of the systemic issues which affect women, especially our most vulnerable women.

Many in the community would not know him, but most of us have benefited from his work as an innovator always striving for excellence.

Congratulations Dr Reti AM.