



# HUMANS OF THE ROYAL

## Dr (John) Brian Hill



Dr Brian Hill graduated in Medicine from Univ of Qld in 1956 & commenced his Residency in January 1957. With the exception of the two years, 1961-2 (spent in the U.K. gaining further post-graduate experience) he was a member of the Staff of the Royal Brisbane & Royal Women's Hospitals until his retirement in 2001. While in England he married - his wife Margaret having previously been a midwife at the Women's. In 1963 they returned to Brisbane, accompanied by their baby daughter, for Brian to take up the new position of Deputy Superintendent to Kenneth Wilson. In 1964 Dr Wilson went on extended study leave and Brian acted as Superintendent in his absence.

In 1963 Dr Robert Yule, from Manchester U.K. was appointed the first Director of Gynaecological Cytology, his laboratory being accommodated within the Women's. In 1964 the Health Department approved the establishment of a free, outpatient facility for taking cervical ("Pap") smears from asymptomatic women. Drs Yule & Hill jointly established this service, which, after positive press reports, was very favourably received by the metropolitan community - women's organisations in some outlying towns responded by arranging bus trips on a regular basis! The investigation of "positive" smears involves the "Colposcope", a magnifying instrument, similar in function to an operating microscope, allowing precise sampling for histological interpretation.

Around this time a group of interested Gynaecologists & Pathologists formed the Australian Society for Colposcopy & Cervical Pathology, which became affiliated with the International Society. Dr Hill was an Executive Member of the Australian Society for many years & in 1996, with two other original members, was granted Honorary Life Membership.

In 1965 Brian entered private practice on Wickham Terrace, having resigned his full-time appointment, in favour of an Obstetric VMO position - which he held until 1985. He retained his position at the now Cancer Detection Clinic & in 1970 was appointed a VMO to the Gynae Dept, RBH, which later transferred to the Women's. He was involved in the establishment of the Qld Gynaecological Oncology Service & from 1985-2001 was a VMO in that Service based within the RB-WH & QRI. His involvement both within the Hospitals & the broader aspects of his Speciality was very active including; executive of the RWH Specialist Staff Association, Chairman of the organising Committee for the RWH 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 1988, from 1968-73 he was an examiner in Midwifery to the Nurses' Board of Qld, from 1963-2000 he was Clinical Teacher / Lecturer / Examiner Dept O&G U.Q and from 1993-2000 he was a Senior Examiner, Australian Medical Council. He is also a Past Chairman Qld State Committee RACOG, 1980-1, Examiner for Diploma/Membership RACOG/RANZCOG 1971-92 and Member Board of Examiners RACOG/RANZCOG 1983-93.



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