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## Biography

### **Dr Paul Devenish-Meares**

Chief Medical Information Officer  
Obstetrics Staff Specialist



Dr Paul Devenish-Meares graduated from The University of Queensland, Brisbane in 1970 and commenced his training as a registered medical officer at Mater in 1971 before becoming an obstetrics and gynaecology registrar in 1973 and 1974, and surgical registrar in 1975. Travelling overseas, he worked at Portsmouth, England for two years (1976 and 1977) before returning to Mater Mothers' Hospital as a senior registrar in 1978.

In 1979 Dr Devenish-Meares became a private visiting medical officer specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, while also working at the Mater Mothers' Hospital public obstetric and infertility clinics. He became a fulltime staff obstetrician at Mater Mothers' Hospital in 1996 before becoming the Deputy Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In 2006, Dr Devenish-Meares' esteemed career saw him appointed to Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Throughout this time, Dr Devenish-Meares was also a Training Supervisor/Examiner for RANZCOG and, of recent times, Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee for Mater Mothers' public and private hospitals.

In November 2008, Dr Devenish-Meares was appointed to the role of Mater's Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO). Dr Devenish-Meares is Mater's first CMIO, and has continued part-time as an obstetrics staff specialist.

Dr Devenish-Meares has a particular interest in the use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and their relationship with clinical processes. As part of his new role, he is keen to explore the ability of EHRs to contribute to improved outcomes for patients and more effective clinical practices.

The concept of a CMIO has been well established in the USA where approx 34% of hospitals and health care facilities have one appointed. Mater is one of the first hospitals in Australia to acknowledge the value that a dedicated clinical advisor for Information Technology and Medical Informatics brings to health care services.