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PROFESSOR ROGER K A ALLEN QUALIFICATIONS AS AN EXPERT WITNESS IN OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASES

I am a Medical Practitioner registered in the State of Queensland and graduated in 1975 with First Class Honours from the University of Queensland, and was awarded the University Medal in 1976.

I completed my training as a Thoracic Physician in 1982, gaining recognition as a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Physicians (FRACP). During my advanced training in Thoracic Medicine in Melbourne, I attended on a weekly basis a half-day session for six months at the Department of Industrial Hygiene, Spring Street, Melbourne, with Dr Jim Milne, Industrial Hygienist. During that time I saw a large number of patients with industrial lung disease, particularly asbestos-related and silicosis, and also a range of other occupational lung diseases. I also visited a wide range of industrial sites with an Industrial Hygiene Officer and have a large collection of photographic slides from this period.

I then completed five years of research at the Austin and Repatriation General Hospitals, Melbourne, into the disease sarcoidosis, for which I was awarded a Ph.D. for my thesis on this condition (University of Melbourne 1990). This work involved both clinical and laboratory research, including immunological, and gave me a broad insight into interstitial lung diseases and their immunology, as sarcoidosis has many similarities to silicosis and berylliosis. I have an international reputation in this area and I am on the executive of WASOG (World Association of Sarcoidosis and Granulomatous Disorders).

I was then appointed as a Senior Staff Thoracic Physician and Clinical Associate Professor, The Prince Charles Hospital (1987-1995) where I set up an Interstitial Lung Disease and Sarcoidosis Clinic, the first in Queensland with a large computerised database. In this clinic I saw a large number of patients with interstitial lung disease, including occupational lung diseases, taught Thoracic Registrars and examined specialists trainees for the FRACP examination. I was appointed Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University Gold Coast on 16 April 2009.

I have been involved in approximately 10,000 medico-legal cases of a wide range of occupational lung diseases and particularly, asbestos-related diseases. I have appeared in the Federal Court (Queensland and interstate) on numerous occasions as an Expert Witness over the past two decades and see many patients with this condition in my private practice including those with occupational lung disease, mesothelioma, asbestosis and asbestos pleural disease.

I was recently one of the principal investigators in three research projects on asbestos lung diseases and sarcoidosis at the Wesley Research Institute. A special data base was set up under my supervision. The first study was looking at chest pain in benign asbestos diseases. The second study was on FDG-PET scanning in sarcoidosis, and the third was on the genetics of mesothelioma in association with Western Australian researchers.

I am cited in the inaugural edition of Who's Who of Queensland (2007) and Who's Who in the World (2009). I belong to the French Thoracic Society, La Société de Pneumologie de Langue Française and also I am a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. I have published widely both in English and French. My CV and further details are available on my website: www.sarcoidosis.com.au

I served on the Medical Assessment Tribunal of QComp as a Thoracic Physician from 2009 - 2012 and in 2010, was admitted as a member of the International Association for the Study of Pain (ISAP).

I have read the Guidelines for the Code of Conduct as an Expert Witness, and agree to comply with these.

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