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Richard is Australia's leading transoral robotic surgeon (TORS) with a particular interest in the management of human papilloma virus (HPV) related oropharyngeal cancers. He has worked at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, as a Head and Neck Surgeon since 1998 and manages the care of hundreds of public and private cancer patients every year. He chairs the St Vincent's Multi-disciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Clinic at The Kinghorn Cancer Centre, runs research programs in conjunction with the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and holds editorial positions with leading surgical journal publications. Richard is fiercely committed to surgical education, training and mentoring.

Background

Richard is a graduate of the University of New South Wales and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Following completion of his surgical training in Australia in 1995 he completed two fellowships; one year of Head & Neck Surgery at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, and one year of Sinus and Skull Base Surgery at The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA. He returned to Australia to commence his appointment at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, where he established an annual Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course, as well as the St Vincent's Hospital Indigenous Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Outreach Clinic at Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, Moree. In 2011 Richard trained in the United States in transoral robotic surgery (TORS) and introduced the technique to St Vincent's and New South Wales. He served for eight years as Chair of the Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and is currently an Examiner for the College. Richard holds editorial positions with the *Australian New Zealand Journal of Surgery* and the Australian supplement of *The Journal of Laryngology & Otology*, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame, Australia. He is a Visiting Medical Officer at St Vincent's Hospital and is active across the campus on a number of committees. Richard's private practice is located at St Vincent's Clinic where he specialises in benign and malignant head and neck surgery.