

Speaker's Profile

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Speaker's Name	John Agar	Country	Australia	
Organization	Univ. of Melbourne and Deakin Univ.	Department	Director: Renal Services	
Education	<p>1977-1978: Clinical Fellowship, U. Massachusetts Medical Centre, Massachusetts, USA 1971-1977: Nephrology Training, Alfred Hospital and Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne 1970: Graduated, Monash Univ., Melbourne</p>			
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director of Nephrology, Geelong Hospital, Barwon Health, Geelong - Consultant Nephrologist, Geelong - Principal Consultant, Transplant Service, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne - Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Univ. of Melbourne - Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Deakin Univ. School of Medicine - Member, Medical Advisory Board of Renal Solutions Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA - Member, Medical Advisory Board, Fresenius Medical, Australia - Board Member, Kidney Health Australia - Member, Home Therapies Advisory Committee, Kidney Health Australia - Member, ANZDATA Haemodialysis Advisory Group - Order of Australia Medal: Services to Renal Medicine and the Geelong Community (Queens Birthday National Honours List - 2009) 			
Main Specific Publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agar JWM. International Variations and Trends in Home Dialysis. (Requested Paper): Advances in Chronic Kidney Disease. 6(13): 205-214, May 2009. - Nocturnal Haemodialysis: An Australian cost comparison with conventional satellite Haemodialysis. Nephrology (Carlton) 10(6): 557-570 December 2005. - Agar JWM, Knight RJ, Simmonds RE, Boddington JM, Waldron CM, Somerville CA. - Agar JWM. Nocturnal dialysis in Australia and New Zealand. Nephrology (Carlton) 10 (3): 222-230, June 2005. - Agar JWM, Somerville CA, Dwyer KM, Simmonds RE, Boddington JM, Waldron CM. Nocturnal Haemodialysis in Australia. Hemodialysis International. 7(4), 278-289. October 2003. 			
Summary	<p>I was one of the earliest Australian nephrologists to venture outside the academic safety of a major city centre by returning to my home city, Geelong. Always active in home dialysis therapies and certain these were generally superior to facility-based care, I visited the nocturnal HD program in Toronto (1997) and was immediately convinced that long, slow, frequent home haemodialysis offered the best in haemodialysis outcomes. Having established the first nocturnal haemodialysis program in Australia in 2000, our service now successfully sustains 25-30% of our haemodialysis population at home. I have travelled widely, speaking at many international meetings. I have published more than 150 papers and abstracts, the majority regarding home and nocturnal haemodialysis. I have authored a popular patient-oriented website http://www.nocturnaldialysis.org. I am a keen and active patient advocate and educator. I was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal for Services to Renal Medicine.</p>			