



Dr Alex Crandon trained as a doctor at the University of Sydney (1967-1973) and went onto a distinguished medical career initially specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology with a special interest in Gynaecological Cancer surgery. From 1990 he focused more on gynaecological oncology, eventually founding and becoming the Chairman of Gynaecological Cancer Society.

Between 1993-2016, as a Director he helped establish the Qld Centre for Gynaecological Cancer (QCGC) at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital. This Centre subsequently grew to become the largest and arguably the best gynaecological cancer service in Australia. This Centre now services over 22% of the Australian female population and sees over 3800 new patients a year. The QCGC has three major Centres in south-east Queensland - Mater Hospital, South Brisbane, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital, Southport.

In addition to his work at QCGC he became Statewide Director of Gynaecological Cancer Services for Queensland Health and was responsible for organising and running of the State's gynaecological cancer services. Queensland is the only State with a truly centralised Statewide service for women with gynaecological cancer.

From 2004-2020 he was the Adjunct Professor of Gynaecological Cancer at the Queensland University of Technology, providing introductory lectures to Radiography students (both diagnostic & therapeutic) on clinic oncology. Between 2004-2017 he was also a part-time Staff Specialist Gynaecological Oncology at the Mater Hospital, South Brisbane, specialising in the management of women with pre-cancer and cancer of the genital tract as well as complex pelvic surgery for benign conditions. Additionally from 2007-2020 he was a Visiting Surgical Oncologist (Gyn) at the Royal Darwin Hospital, providing primarily management of patients with female genital tract cancer and also patients requiring complex pelvic surgery.

He was a Director and past Chairman of the Cherish Foundation, a charitable organisation focusing on the provision of funding to advance research into the diagnosis, management and prevention of gynaecological cancers.

Following retirement, Professor Alex Crandon joined U3A Sunshine Coast as a Tutor in 2019 and developed curriculum and ran courses on Human Biology, basic gross anatomy, introduction of human physiology, understanding cancer and the scientific method. While much of the curriculum content is fairly straight forward, the courses are meant to be somewhat challenging and to leave an understanding of the scientific method and the fact that rarely "is the science settled" because as we learn more we are obliged to update and modify our understanding and theories. These courses were some of the most popular courses at U3A Sunshine.