

About Dr Peter Friedland

Prof. Friedland's special interests include otology, cochlear implants, chronic ear disease, hearing loss and rehabilitation, paediatric otolaryngology, endoscopic sinus surgery and voice and swallowing disorders.

He travels regularly to conduct clinics and surgery in remote locations including the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia. After a self-funded humanitarian mission to Bhutan, he and education and audiology colleagues from the University of Western Australia (UWA), started the Hear Hear for Bhutan Charity to improve hearing rehabilitation, ear health and education in that country.

Prof. Friedland completed his primary medical qualifications in Johannesburg at the University of Witwatersrand and was awarded an ENT fellowship from the South African College of Medicine in 1994. He then completed a postgraduate masters in medicine in 1998. After immigrating to Perth with his family, in 2010 he was awarded a Fellowship from the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (FRACS).

Prof Friedland is a consultant ENT at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) in Perth, where he was head of department for six years and instrumental in recruiting five new fellowship trained consultants in head and neck surgery, and anterior skull base surgery.

He chairs the weekly multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer clinic at SCGH and runs a monthly multidisciplinary procedural voice clinic. He helped expand Cochlear and ear implantation services at SCGH which is now the largest adult public implant service in Western Australia. Prof. Friedland's collaborative research into Head and Neck Cancer and Hearing Loss at SCGH and UWA, has attracted significant research funding grants. He has published more than 46 papers in the last 10 years. He has delivered more than 130 presentations at Australian and international conferences.

Prof. Friedland's commitment to training and education has been recognised with over nine teaching awards. As an associate professor at Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at UWA and professor and discipline leader at School of Medicine, University Notre Dame, he teaches and coordinates the curriculum for final year medical students.

In his role as Chair of the WA ENT Royal Australian College of Surgeons Regional Training Scheme, he mentors and supervises future ENT trainee specialists. From 2005 to 2009, Prof. Friedland was clinical head of the ENT department at the University of Witwatersrand, where he was instrumental in convening the first cochlear implant workshop in Africa and performing the first middle ear implant in Africa.

In Southern Africa, he committed himself to regular consulting in outreach pro bono ENT programs in the underprivileged and rural areas and supported and helped to manage a school for 300 deaf and underprivileged children in a township outside Johannesburg. Prof. Friedland was also privileged to be Mr Nelson Mandela's ENT from 2000 to 2009.