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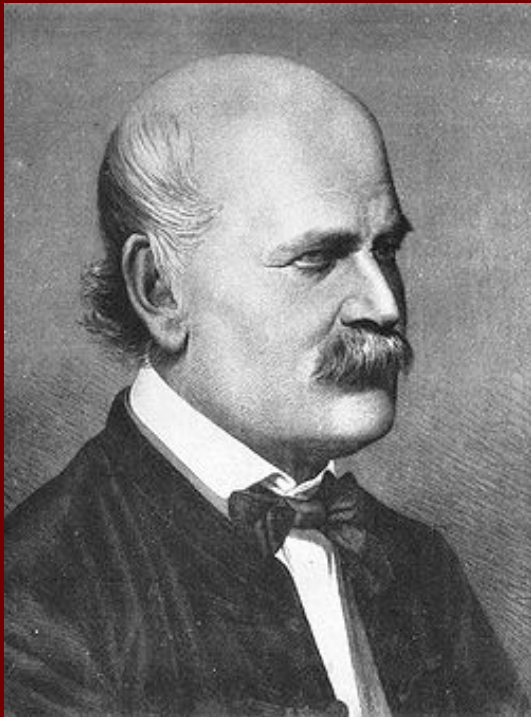
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Ignaz Semmelweis



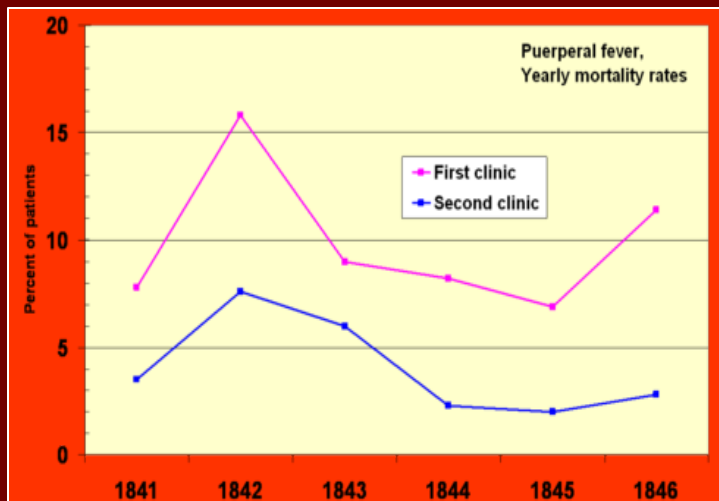
Hungarian physician who discovered, in **1847**, that the incidence of puerperal fever could be drastically cut by hand washing.

*Etiology, Concept and
Prophylaxis of Childbed Fever - 1861*

July 1, 1818 – August 13, 1865

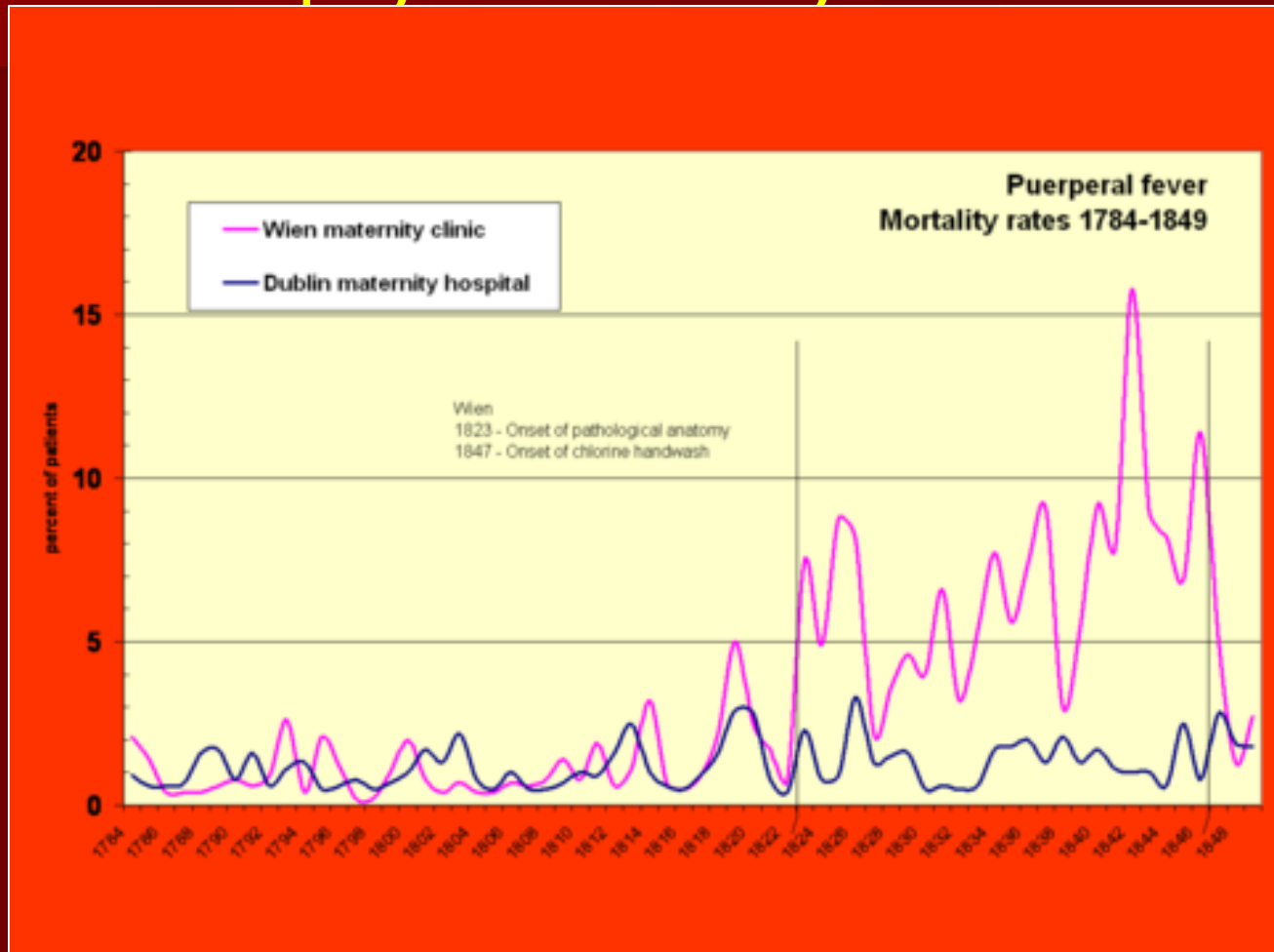
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Hand washing evidence



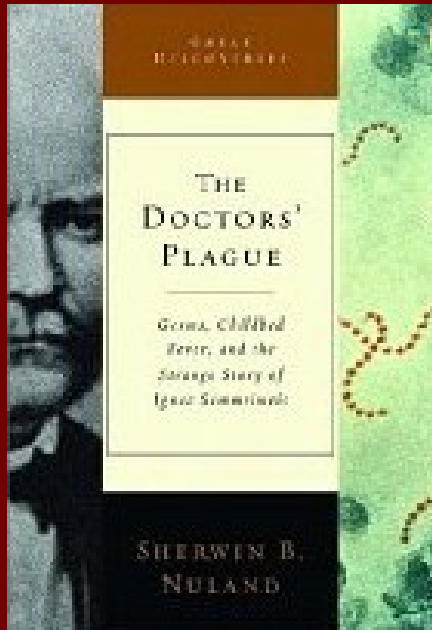
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Autopsy to Delivery = Death



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Reflection on Ignaz Semmelweis



“ fired off memorandum after memorandum to the administration, without avail”

“The appearance of the body .. severely beaten by asylum personnel trying to restrain him after admission in 1865”

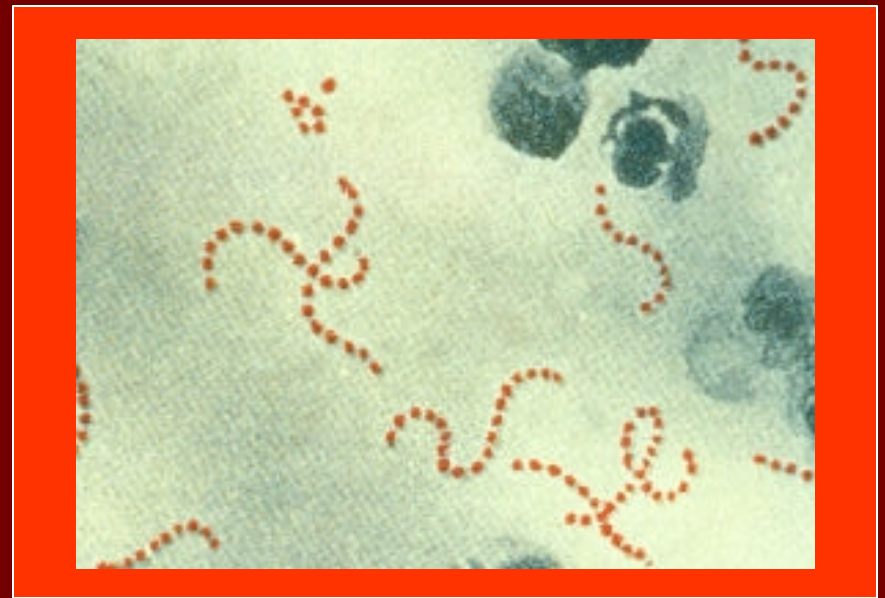
Published 2003

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Hand Washing is appropriate



Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)
Pasteurization - 1862



Strept Pyogenes = Puerperal Sepsis
Rosenbach 1884

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Canberra, King Edward Memorial and "Cam" Hospitals

Three Australian whistleblowing sagas: lessons for internal and external regulation

Thomas A Faunce and Stephen N C Bolsin. MJA 2004; 181 (1): 44-47

Professions of whistleblowers differed:

Staff specialist - The Canberra Hospital

Nurses - "Cam" hospitals

Administrator - King Edward Memorial Hospital

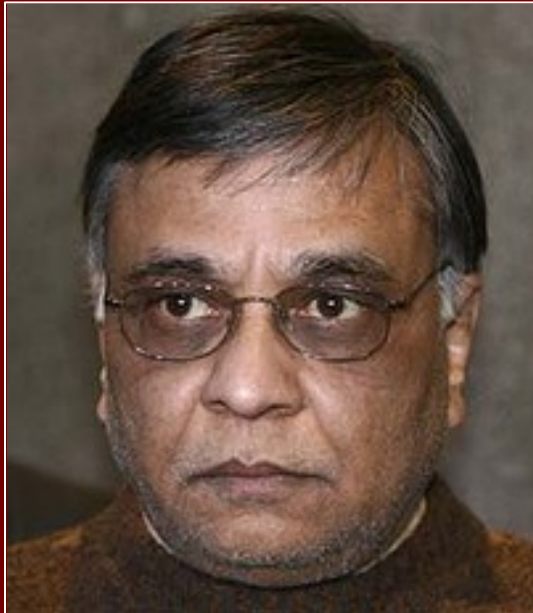
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Australian Questioned Investigations

Canberra Neurosurgery
Camden and Campbelltown
King Edward Memorial Hospital
Dr Patel – Bundaberg
Paediatric Cardiac Medicine
Neurosurgery - Melbourne
Thomas Kossmann – Alfred Hospital
James Peters – Croydon Hepatitis

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Dr Jayant Patel – Bundaberg Hospital, Qld



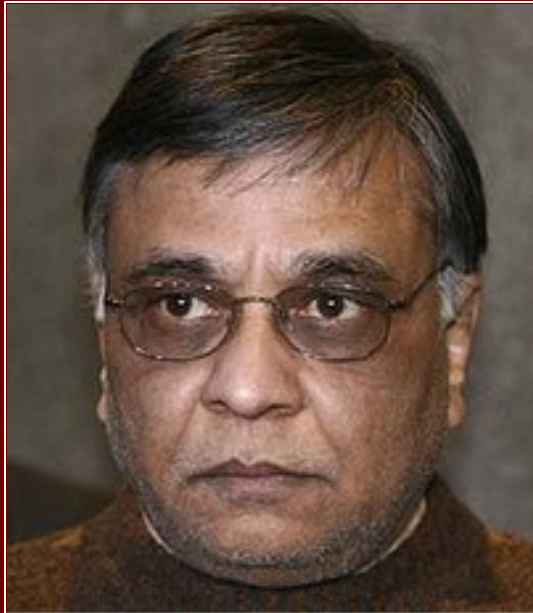
In 2003, appointed Director of Surgery at the Bundaberg Base Hospital, Queensland Health under an "area of need" program

Without due diligence regarding his qualifications and experience.

He was appointed despite having no specialist surgical qualifications.

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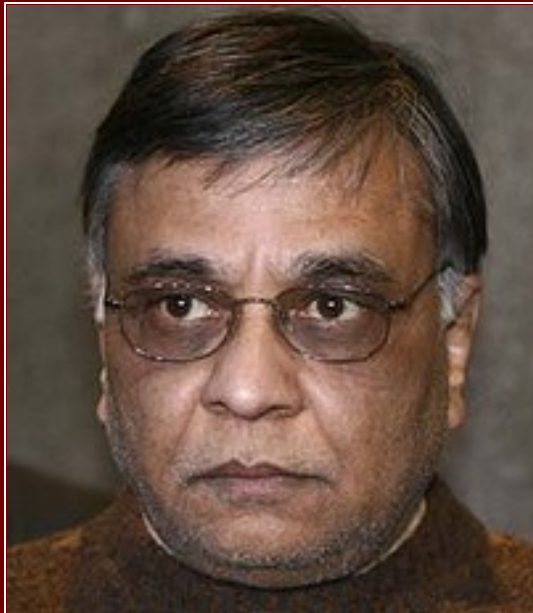


In *June 2010*, Patel was convicted of 3 counts of manslaughter and one case of grievous bodily harm, and sentenced to *seven years in jail*.

In *August 2012*, the conviction was rescinded by the full bench of the high court and a retrial was ordered due to tainting of the jury by '*highly emotive and prejudicial evidence* that was irrelevant to the case".

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1984 - Buffalo, 3 years probation

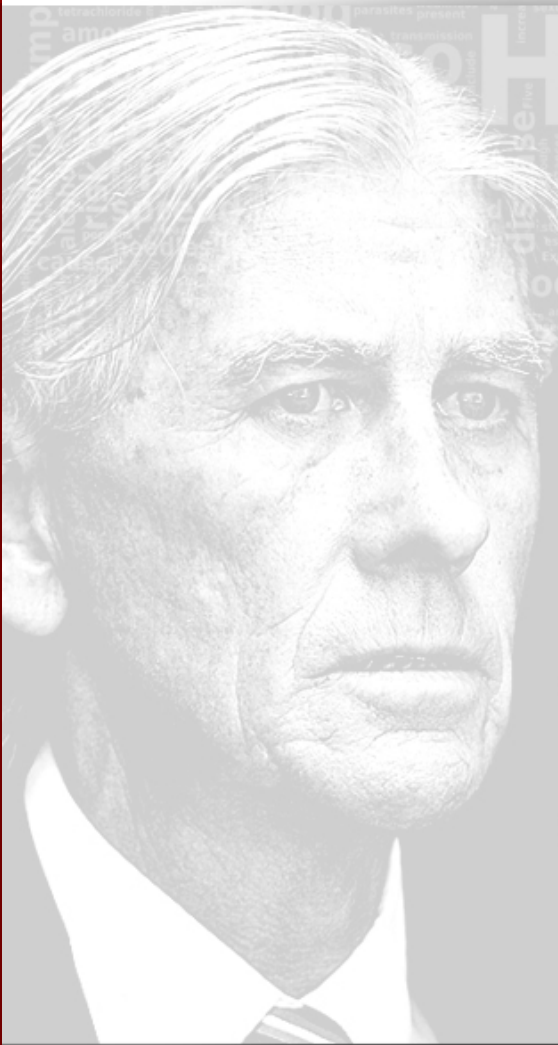
1998 - Kaiser Permanente restricted

2000 - Oregon Board restricted

2001 - New York State withdrew license

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Hepatitis contracted by 55 Women



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- 1997** Health department told of his Hep C status, but not medical board. Re-registered to practice.
- 2003** Drug relapse after death of his wife
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Queensland Medical Board – Springborg

Mr Springborg said he had formed the "preliminary view" that board members had placed the public at risk after a review that examined **596 cases** concluded **60 per cent** had not been properly handled.

Read more: <http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/queensland-medical-board-members-resign-following-health-ministers-show-cause-notice/story-e6frfkp9-1226630205520#ixzz2cZcws1Su>

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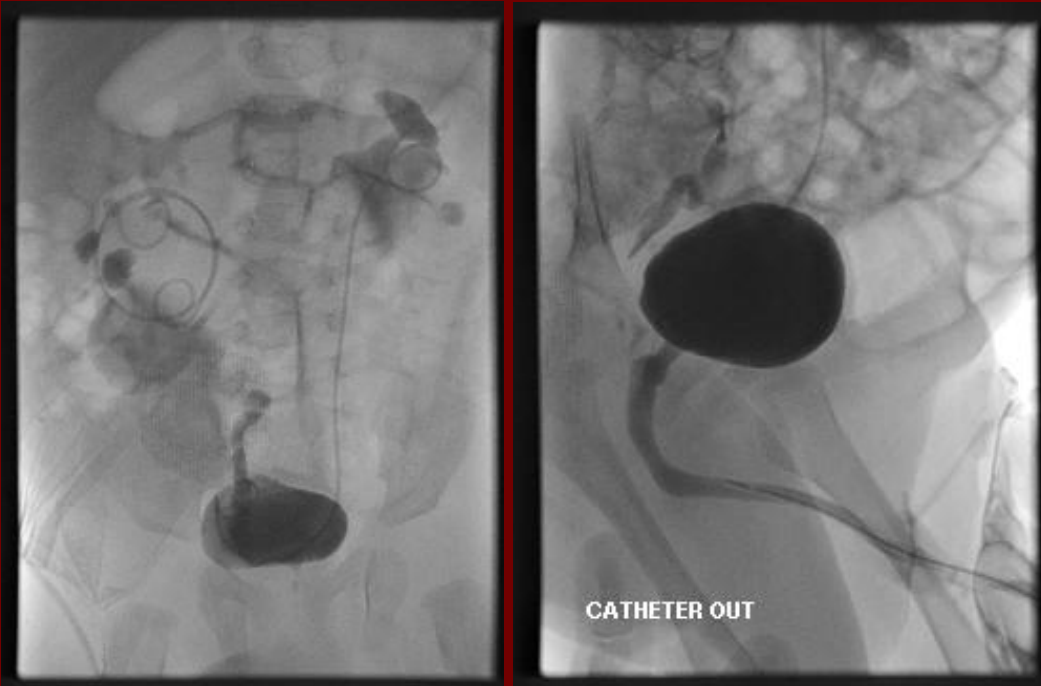
Presented August 2004

Falsification of a document by the CEO

Only willing to deal with individual cases: over 25 related to one surgeon

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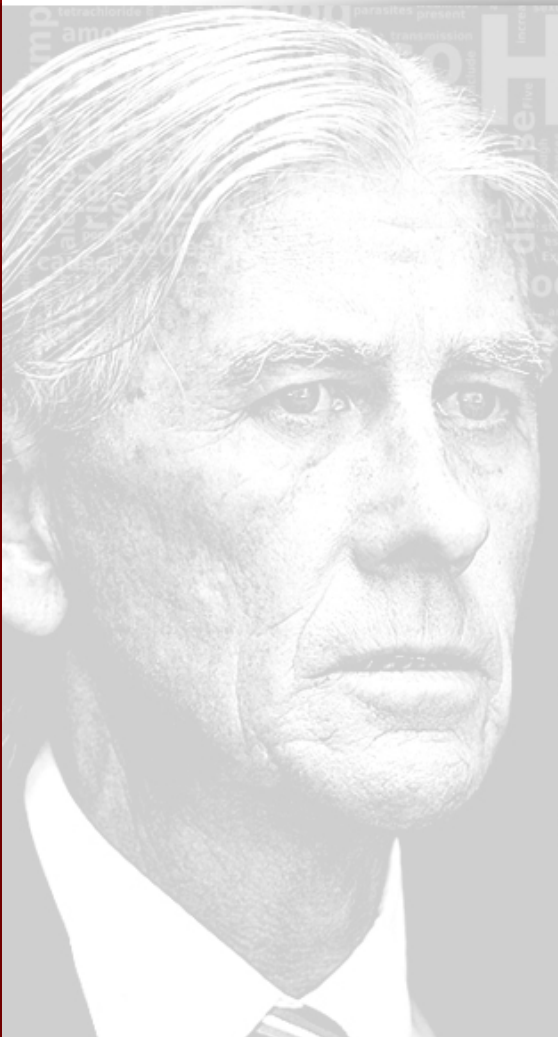


Prenatal
Hydronephrosis
Day 90 – Repeat MCU

<http://www.independentaustralia.net/2012/life/health/the-3-ring-medical-circus/>

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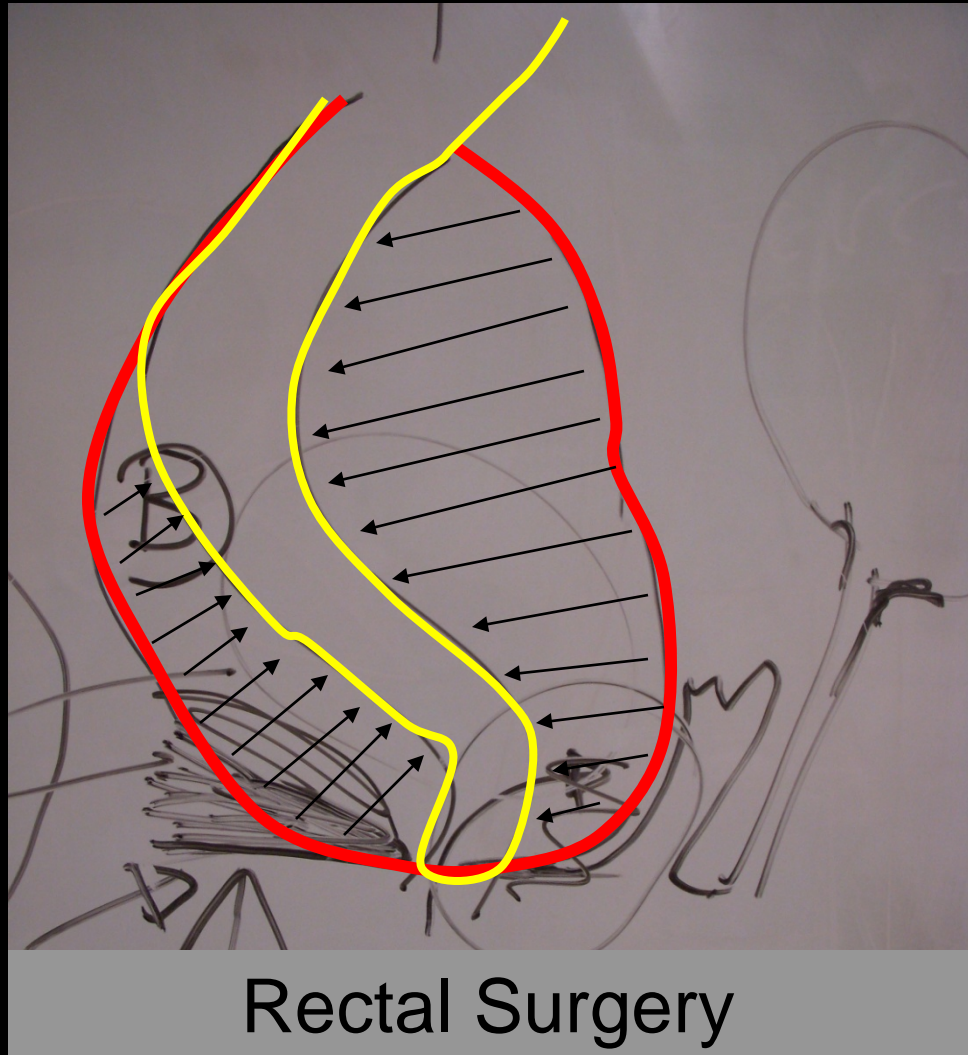
Guilty – Victorian Penal – retraining - 2009

VCAT – Suspended - 2011

Supreme Court
(13th chime of crazy clock) - 2011

VCAT – must audit - 2012

Severe Constipation Surgery



ANZAPS – ASM FIJI 2009

15 cases

Age : 8 months-12 years

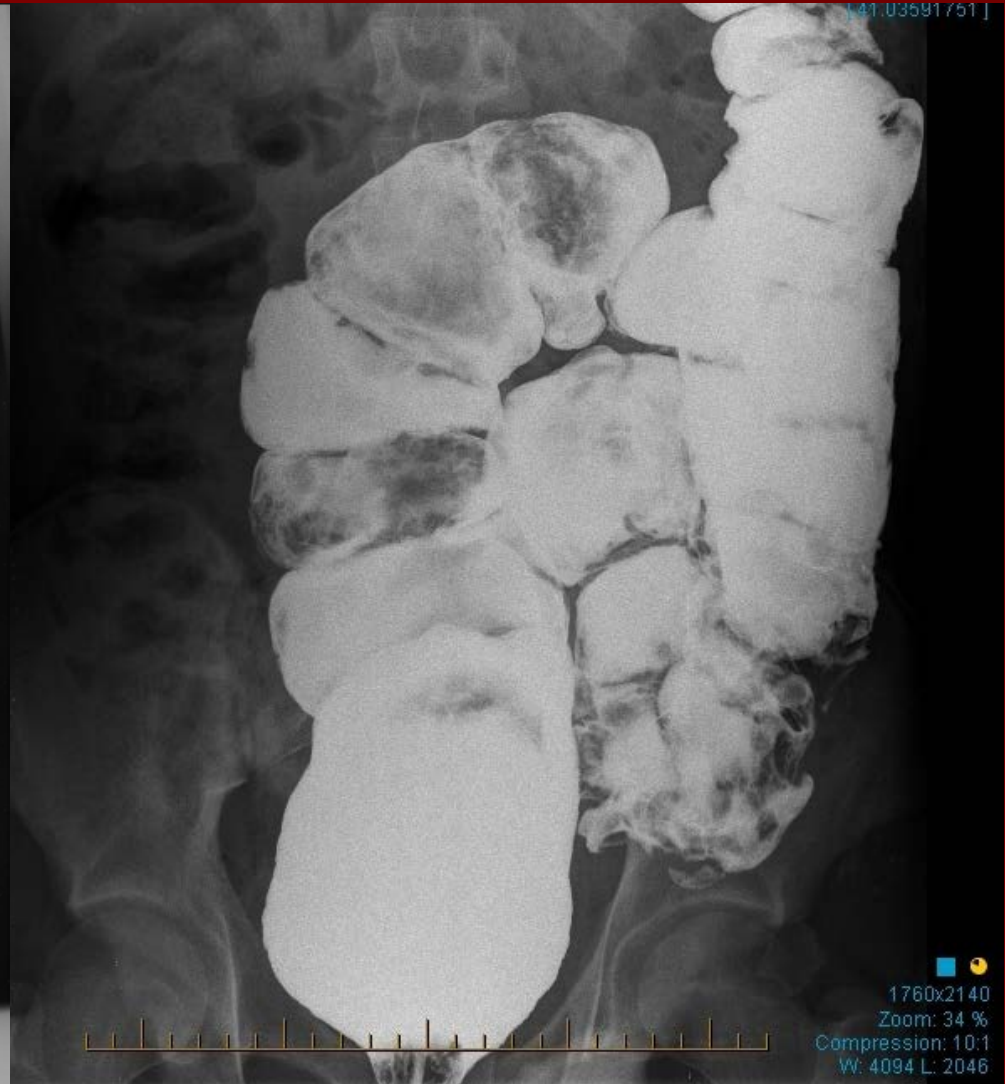
Follow up : 6 months – 4 years



Congenital Rectal Ectasia



The Case - 2004



A Case - 2011

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NO EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION SINCE

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Professor Paddy Dewan – CP case of Megarectum

“A danger to the Australian public”

Notification	August	2012
Notified	Sept	2012
Immediate action committee	January	2013
<i>Surgery Royal Children’s</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2013</i>
No further effective action	August	2013

Complaint BY PARENTS National Ombudsman

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Name	Submission
Julie Phillips	28
Jenny Morris	31
Michelle Barnett	47
Gwen Woodford	53
Helen Stanley-Clarke - http://www.independentaustralia.net/2012/life/health/ahpra-and-the-medical-boards-protecting-their-own/	
Stawell community	45
David Lindsay	– skin surgeon
Leong Fook Ng	- Oncologist
Helen Tsigounis	- junior doctor
Ong Ooi	- General Surgeon
DS	- Anaesthetist
Dr A K	- GP
Malcolm Traill	- panel appointments

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Default to mediation at all levels of dispute

Accountability of “judges” in review processes!

Accountability of complainant

Accountability of “witnesses” in review processes!

Appropriate rules of evidence

Transparency

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Investigate Range of AHPRA notifications

Legal costs

Outcomes – for patients and professionals

Process steps for handling complaints

Records of variations in process between cases

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Reengineer AHPRA

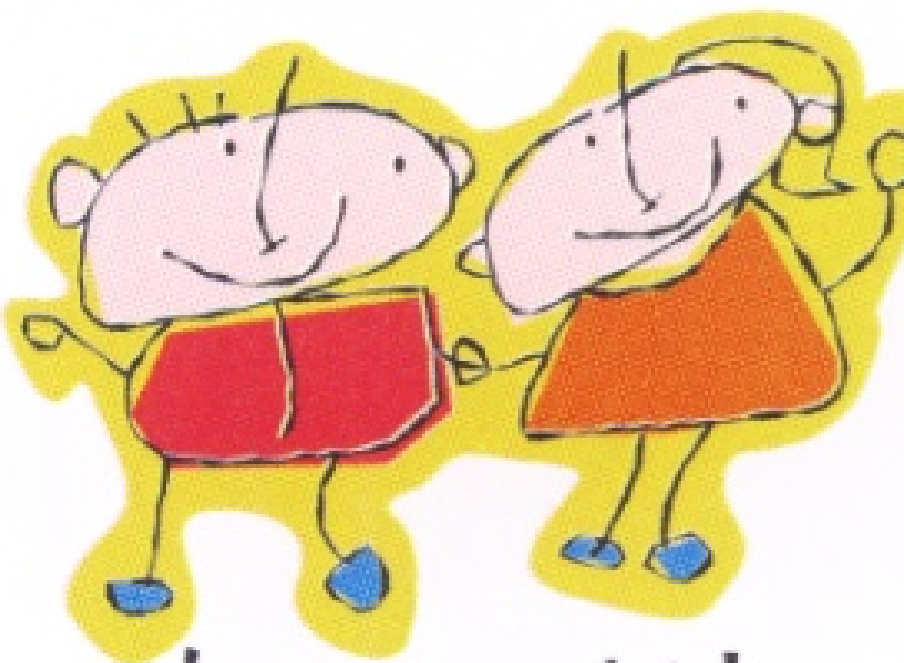
State Boards accountable to State Minister

Separate the powers of

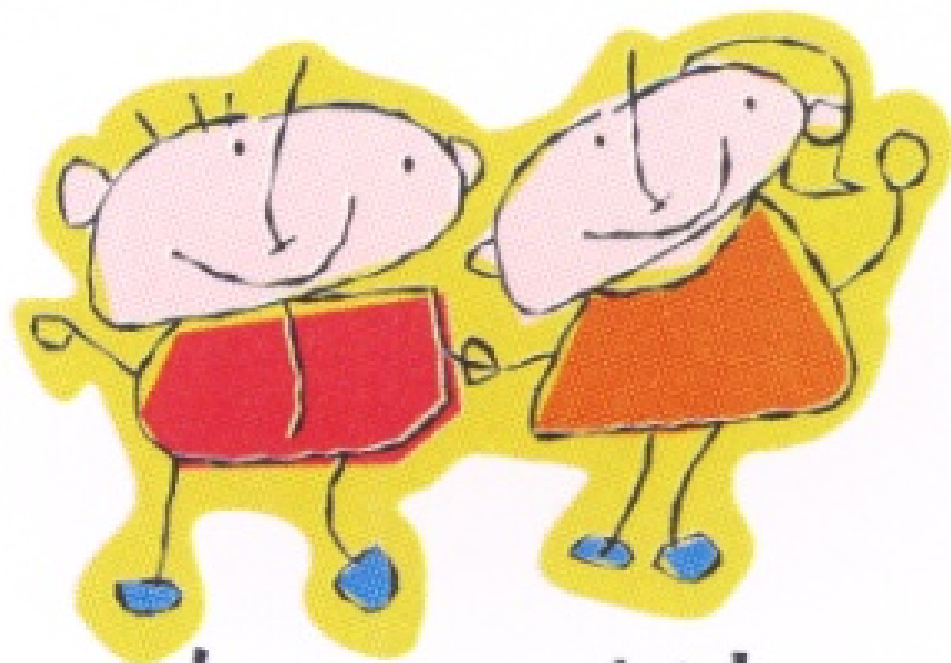
Accreditation.....Medical Council

Registration.....AHPRA.....

Regulation.....State Boards



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