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Rod is a retired paediatric anaesthetist who has maintained a longstanding interest in anaesthesia history. He was a consultant at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne for 31 years, 20 as Deputy Director.

He has recently retired after 25 years as the Honorary Curator of the Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History at the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists in Melbourne.

He was President of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists from 1998 to 2000 and a member of College Council from 1995 to 2007. He is a Life Member of the Society. Together with Christine Bell he has written historical cover notes for each issue of the journal "Anaesthesia and Intensive Care" since February 1989. The first twenty years of cover notes have recently been published as "Historical Notes on Anaesthesia and Intensive Care".

He is a co-author and co-editor with Edmund Eger and Lawrence Saidman, of a book currently in press, on the history of anaesthesia.

With Professor Jan Davies, he is the co-author of "All about Anaesthesia", a book written for the non-medical reader, now published as a free access website at [www.allaboutanaesthesia.com.au](http://www.allaboutanaesthesia.com.au)

He is the author or co-author of a large number of papers and book chapters, on both historical and clinical anaesthesia and has been an invited lecturer at numerous national and international meetings.

He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for "services to medicine as an anaesthetist" on Australia Day 2012.