

## Rob Fitridge, MD

Rob Fitridge is Professor of Vascular Surgery at the University of Adelaide and a Vascular Surgeon at the Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals. He trained in Adelaide, Brisbane, Basel, Switzerland and La Jolla, California. He co-leads the Multi-Disciplinary Foot Service at The Queen Elizabeth and Royal Adelaide Hospitals.

Rob was Chair of the Board of Vascular Surgery for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, during which time, the vascular curriculum was developed. He was also co-editor of Mechanisms of vascular Disease: A textbook for vascular specialists, which is a key resource for the curriculum. A third edition of this book was published in 2021. He was also section editor for the Oxford Textbook of Vascular Surgery. Rob was President of the ANZSVS 2010-2, during which time he was president of the WFVS.

He has been a member of the PAD working group of the International Working Group for the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF) and was recently appointed co-Chair of IWGDF- PAD Working Group. He was a member of the steering committee of the Global Vascular Guidelines for Chronic Limb-threatening Ischaemia.

Rob has recently been supporting the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program led by Prof Alex Brown at SAHMRI, which aims to improve the outcomes of diabetes-related foot disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. He is working on improving the quality of, and access to, telehealth which is a key component of that program.

His research focussed on modelling outcomes following EVAR, and also on improving wound healing in diabetes and avoiding amputations in diabetes-related foot complications.