

Dr David Fitzgerald

BMedSci (Hons), MBBS (Hons), PGDipAvMed, ACCAM, MHealthSci, MHL, FAFOEM

Occupational Physician



Post Graduate	Master of Health Law University of Sydney	2011
	Fellow of Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (FRACP)	2009
	Medical Review Officer Certification Council Course, Vancouver BC/Baltimore	2007/2015
	Masters in Health Science (Occupational Medicine) Otago University	2006-2009
	Diploma in Aviation Medicine (DipAvMed) Otago University	2003-2005
	Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) Course Launceston, Tasmania	2002
	Early Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) Course St Helen's Private Hospital, Hobart, Tasmania	2002
	Australian Certificate of Civil Aviation Medicine (ACCAM), Monash University	2001
	Emergency Life Support (ELS) Course North West Regional Hospital, Burnie, Tasmania	2001
University	BMedSci(Hons), MBBS(Hons) University of Tasmania	1993-1999
Current Appointments	Occupational Physician Specialist Sonic Health Plus	2015-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Injury management• Pre-employment medical assessment• Return to work• Occupational health and hygiene surveillance• Health promotion• Corporate advice	
	Consultant Occupational Physician MEDirect Pty Ltd	2020-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case assessment• Medicolegal and permanent impairment assessments	
	Senior Medical Officer, Canberra Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)	2005-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case review and policy advice on aviation medicine, drug and alcohol issues	



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- Education of designated aviation medical examiners and pilots in medical matters
- Development of policy and research
- Organisation and preparation for workshops
- Consultation with industry
- Pilot education through quarterly print articles in an industry publication (Flight Safety Australia)

Designated Aviation Medical Examiner
Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Par Avion Flight Training, Hobart, TAS

- Assessment of pilots and air traffic controllers for fitness to fly
- Providing aerospace medicine advice
- Occupational medicine work including assessments of aviation rescue fire fighters and Qantas/JetStar pilots and flight attendants.

2002-

Senior Lecturer, Aviation and Occupational Medicine
University of Otago, NZ

2011 -

Previous Appointments

Occupational Medicine Specialist
Emirates Airlines, Dubai

2014-2015

Medical Officer
Nyrstar Hobart Smelter and Zinifex Rosebery Mine
Hobart, TAS and Roseberry, TAS

2004-2014

Occupational Medicine, Freelancer
MLCOA

2010-2014

Medical Officer, Department of Emergency Medicine
Hobart Private Hospital
Hobart, TAS

2002-2010

Commercial Pilot
Tasair Pty Ltd

2003-2014

Medical Member
Social Security Appeals Tribunal

2005-2008

Medical Officer
National Capital Private Hospital, Canberra

2006-2008

Registrar in Emergency Medicine
Royal Hobart Hospital
Hobart, TAS

2006

Intern/Resident/Medical Registrar/CCU Registrar/ICU Registrar/Emergency Registrar
North West Regional Hospital
Burnie, TAS

2000-2002

Locum Positions

Night Emergency Registrar
Orange Base Hospital

Night Emergency Registrar
Lismore Base Hospital

Night Emergency Registrar



Wagga Wagga Base Hospital

Night Emergency Registrar
Bathurst Base Hospital

Publications

FITZGERALD DJP, NAVATHE PD, DRANE AM. Aeromedical decision making in attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Aviat Space Environ Med 2011; 82:550 – 4 2011

FITZGERALD DJP, NAVATHE PD, DRANE AM Insulin-dependent diabetes and aeromedical certification – the Australian Perspective; Med J Aust 2010 193(8):469-71 2010

Flight Safety Australia: some examples of published articles
Seizure disorders - A look at the risks for flying
Diabetes - A look at the risks for flying
Hearts & minds - New research reveals the top health issues faced by pilots
Helios - Out of oxygen 2006 -

Master of Health Science Thesis
“Changes in Hearing Conservation and Legislation and Prevention of Permanent Threshold Shift” 2009

CASA Working Document
“Diabetes Mellitus and Aeromedical Certification” 2005

Bachelor of Medical Science Honours Thesis
“Stereotactic thrombosis of intracranial aneurysms using thrombin” 1994

Committees

Continuing Professional Development Lead Faculty Education Committee 2015-
Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Training Programme Director, Remote Area Trainees 2013-2015
Faculty Training Committee
Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

AMA ACT Advisory Council – Salaried Doctors Craft Group Representative 2011

Medical Board of Australia (TAS) Performance and Professional Standards Panel Member 2011

Continuing Professional Development Sub-committee
Australasian Faculty of Occupational and environmental Medicine 2010

Memberships

Australian Medical Association

Aerospace Medical Association

Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine



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Career Interest

Medicine

- Aviation Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Occupational Medicine
- Legal Medicine

Aviation

- RPT and charter flying
- Instrument rating
- Twin and multiple engine endorsement
- Aerobatics
- Tailwheel endorsement
- Search and rescue

