

Change in the Department of Dermatology



**Professor Robin Marks AM
MBBS, MPH, FRACP, FACD**

As the inaugural Professor of Dermatology, Robin Marks was Professor/Director of the Department of Dermatology, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne from 1995 to 2005.

Professor Marks graduated from Monash University in 1968 and became a member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1972, and a Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists in 1974. He worked as a dermatologist in England and Australia before joining the Anti-Cancer Council in 1986 to pursue interests in epidemiology and public health.

In 1991 he was appointed to the staff of St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and the University of Melbourne; then to the inaugural position of Director/Professor. In the latter position he developed the Department of Dermatology with its emphasis on service, education and research; continued his public health activities against skin cancer with the Australian Cancer Society; performed the role of Director of Research and Training at the Skin and Cancer Foundation of Victoria; and maintained a small private practice in central Victoria.

In 2002 Professor Marks was appointed President of the International League of Dermatological Societies.

During the 10 years of his leadership Professor Marks developed an academic department which is held in esteem both nationally and internationally. He continues his work with the Department of Dermatology as an Honorary Professorial Fellow.



**Professor Rodney Sinclair
MMBS, MD, FACD**

Professor Rodney Sinclair was appointed as the Professor/Director of the Department of Dermatology in February 2005.

After completing his training in England and Australia Professor Sinclair completed his Fellowship of the Australasian College of Dermatologists in 1995 winning the Founders Medal.

He joined both the Department of Dermatology at St Vincent's Hospital and the Department of Medicine at the Alfred as a lecturer where he has co-authored 7 textbooks of Dermatology, contributed over 50 chapters to multi-authored dermatology textbooks and been involved in over 120 research papers. Over the past 10 years he has supervised postgraduate dermatology research students, been involved in the development of the Undergraduate Medical School curriculum and Medical Student Teaching; collaborated widely with scientists at CSIRO, epidemiologists at the Cancer Council, endocrinologists at the Austin Repatriation medical Centre, geneticists at the Murdoch Childrens Research Centre, the Australian Genome Research Foundation, physiologists at the University of Melbourne, innovators at Antisense technology and of course dermatologists locally and internationally.

In 2004 Professor Sinclair wrote his medical doctorate on female pattern hair loss, and hair research remains an important theme of his work.

Professor Sinclair now takes up this new position which has 3 titles: Director of Dermatology Services at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, Professor of Dermatology at the University of Melbourne and Director of Research and Training at the Skin and Cancer Foundation.