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## **PROFILE**

Currently I practice as a consultant psychiatrist with a special interest in children, adolescents and adults. My current interest is research in the usefulness and clinical application of brain imaging techniques in the assessment of complex psychiatric disorders. This area is new and therefore challenging with research and new knowledge making significant contributions to this emerging science.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Qualifying in 1976 as a medical doctor in Amsterdam my professional journey has taken me to Australia in 1979 where I initially trained in Family Medicine, worked as a GP in suburban and rural areas including the Kimberley in Western Australia until finally finding that specializing in Psychiatry would give me the best opportunity to satisfy my curiosity in how the mind and brain works and enabling me to practice to the best of my abilities. I specialized in Psychiatry in Western Australia and the Netherlands and started working as a child psychiatrist in 1997. The insights I acquired in the value of various treatment modalities to help children and their families and adults formed the basis for my further interest in brain imaging as a tool to unravel the mystery of human behavior. Along this journey I have met many like minded colleagues who have given me inspiration and encouragement. I was able to attend training courses in Brain Spect Imaging in the USA in Los Angeles, California and Denver, Colorado in 2003, 2004 and 2007 respectively. I have lectured to my colleagues on Brain Spect Imaging and have been part of the organizing committee to invite Dr Theodore A. Henderson, psychiatrist and specialist in Brain Spect Imaging to lecture here in Perth in July 2007, Western Australia. By now I can look back on a career in medicine of more than 30 years of which I spent nearly 20 years working in the field of psychiatry. I feel privileged to have a profession that is my hobby and passion.

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