



DR JOHN WAKEFIELD PSM

EXECUTIVE LEARNING SET FACILITATOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John Wakefield is a highly accomplished and influential leader in the public healthcare system in Australia.

With a distinguished career spanning various leadership roles in both clinical and executive capacities, he has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving patient safety, clinical quality, and health service management.

As a respected medical professional, educator, researcher, John's contributions have left a lasting impact on healthcare organizations at national and international levels.

MY EXPERTISE

- Internationally recognised patient safety reform leader
- Culture and behaviour change
- Clinical Service Delivery
- Health Service Management
- Training and Facilitation
- Clinical governance
- Patient safety

JOHN'S CAREER

John is an accomplished medical specialist and healthcare leader with over 30 years experience. He established the Queensland Health Patient Safety Centre, and led major patient safety improvement reforms in Queensland and nationally, for which he was awarded a Public Service Medal.

As Director-General of Queensland Health from 2019-2022, John led Queensland Health through the COVID-19 pandemic. John has extensive experience in working with consumers and providers to continually improve care experience and outcomes. He has authored a range of publications on patient safety improvement and behaviour change. He holds Fellowships in Medical Administration, Rural and Remote Medicine, and General Practice and a Master of Public Health by research.

John is actively involved in national efforts to improve patient safety in partnership with the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare. He chaired the National Open Disclosure Pilot Project and regularly teaches Open Disclosure and other patient safety curricula. His research interests include patient safety culture, safety performance measurement and Open Disclosure.

John's exceptional leadership experience, coupled with his dedication to developing a new generation of clinician leaders, has shaped the landscape of public health and medical administration. His contributions continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and healthcare professionals alike, leaving a lasting legacy of improved healthcare outcomes and patient safety.