

Dr David McIntosh is an adjunct Associate Professor of ENT in Queensland.

He specialises in paediatric ENT, nose and sinus disease, and snoring and sleep apnoea. He is an internationally recognised specialist in the field of the interplay between ENT and dentistry. He is the founder of one of the largest ENT services in Australia and runs the largest education service in the world for dentists and doctors on ENT. He also runs the online Facebook pages "ENT for dentists" and "ENT updates for the GP".

With a demand for his services nationwide, he has settled in Queensland's Sunshine Coast region as the place he calls home, as it allows access to his services for people travelling from all over the country (and occasionally from overseas) whilst affording a balanced lifestyle that the beautiful beaches and surrounds have to offer.

He is the only ENT surgeon working North of Brisbane that holds a PhD, paediatric subspecialty qualifications, and has been a recipient of a NHMRC scholarship. In fact there are few ENT surgeons in Australia that have just one of these, let alone all three. David is also actively involved in providing desperately needed ENT services to indigenous children and is a pro bono consultant advisor on indigenous health to local organisations and state and federal government bodies.

From a surgical point of view, he is one of the most experienced ENT surgeons in Australia in terms of day stay tonsillectomy, an avid proponent of adenoidectomy under vision, an advocate for the use of grommets suitable for swimming (so that in most cases plugs and wraps are not required), synthetic grafts for ear drum perforations for children as young as 3 years old, and advanced and modern nasal and sinus surgery techniques (as opposed to older style surgery).

He is a highly regarded specialist amongst his peers, having treated many doctors own family members, such is the faith and trust endeared in his knowledge and skills.

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ENT and dentistry

The following are a list of bits and pieces that are relevant to dentists:

- Airway
- Occlusion
- Tongue tie
- TMJ
- Palatal and mandibular tori
- Acid Reflux
- Pericoronitis
- Gingivitis
- Implants
- Upper aerodigestive tract malignancy
- Xerostomia
- Deep neck space infections from dental disease
- 7s and 8s with roots into the maxillary sinuses
- Root fragments that dislodge into maxillary sinus
- Etc, etc

How to assess the airway in kids

1. History
 - Snoring
 - Mouth breathing
 - Drooling
 - Snotty nose
 - Clear runny nose
2. Examination
 - 1st impression
 - Stertor
 - Look past the teeth → tonsils
 - Not the size of the tonsils but the space between them that counts
 - Malocclusion
 - Periodontal problems
 - Gasping for breath in the chair

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You can assess the following on CBCT:

- Septum
- Turbinates
- Adenoids
- Sinuses

- Tonsils
- Palate
- Tongue base