



## **PETER H. R. GREEN, MB, BS, MD, FRACP, FACG (ON '64)**

Dr Peter H. R. Green, M.D. is Professor of Clinical Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University in New York, and Director of the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University, New York City. Peter attended Newington College from 1959 to 1964; first at Killara preparatory school, then the senior school at Stanmore.

He was an excellent student, winning a succession of prizes during his school career. These included the Senior Art Prize and a General Proficiency Prize at Killara Prep, the Science Prize in Fifth Form, and the Geography and Ancient History Prizes, along with a General Proficiency Prize, in the Lower Sixth Form. In his final year he won the Geography (Joseph Horner Fletcher) Prize, also gaining first class Honours and second place in the State in this subject in the Leaving Certificate.

Peter was also an active sportsman at school. At Killara Prep, he was Captain of the Swimming team and played in both the 1st XI and the 1st XV, being described as 'a good hooker & forward generally'. As a member of the College's 1st XV in his final year, he was awarded Football Dates for the season. In summer he took up rowing and was a member of the 2nd IV in 1964.

His moral qualities were recognised early with his appointment as a Monitor (the Prep equivalent of Prefect) at Killara Prep. He served as a Sub-Prefect and as a Cadet Under Officer and Platoon Commander in his final year at school. His Form Master's final comment at the end of 1964 was: 'Sparkling personality. Works hard and does well.'

After leaving Newington Peter went to medical school at The University of Sydney where he graduated, MB BS with First Class Honours in 1971. He also received the William Henry & Eliza Alice Sharp Prize in Clinical Surgery and the Glaxo-Allenbury (Australia) Prize in Surgery.

While in medical school he played rugby with the Newington Old Boys. Over the years the 'NOBS' won the competition in several of those years. He also joined the Palm Beach Surf Club and is still a member of the Cabbage Tree Club at Palm Beach.

After graduation from The University of Sydney, Peter did his medical training at the Royal North Shore Hospital where he became the senior medical registrar, trained in gastroenterology and became the Clinical Superintendent in 1976. He obtained his MRACP in 1974 and FRACP in 1978.

In 1976 he obtained a position at the Beth Israel Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. This was followed a visiting fellowship in medicine at Presbyterian Hospital and a position on faculty of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York where he has remained. Since then Peter has risen to Professor of Medicine. He is an Attending Physician at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center.

Peter obtained an MD from The University of Sydney in 1979 based on research performed at Harvard and Columbia Universities. The MD thesis was titled. "Intestinal Lipoprotein formation: Studies in rat and man"

Peter's medical career has been devoted to patient care, medical education and research. He has over 300 publications in medical journals that include original research, invited reviews, editorials and book chapters. He has been honoured for his teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows with the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Foundation Mentors Research Scholar Award in 2007, and for his expertise in the field of gastroenterology by the award of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) with the Master Endoscopist Award for 2007.

He has served on educational and research committees of the AGA and ASGE and is a past president of the New York Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and is currently on the executive council of the Society. Peter is a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Peter's area of expertise is celiac disease. His research includes epidemiology, clinical manifestations, associated diseases and pathophysiological mechanisms of celiac disease. He has established collaborations with national and International experts in the field of celiac disease research, including very active research collaboration with the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. He has mentored many individuals who have gone on to careers in academic medicine.

He is an invited speaker at many hospital and medical school grand rounds in the United States, as well as at National gastroenterology meetings and International meetings in South and Central America as well as Europe and Asia: was an invited speaker at the NIH Consensus Development Conference on Celiac Disease in 2004: and is on the Scientific Advisory Boards of several pharmaceutical companies.

Peter is the author of a book titled "Celiac disease, a hidden epidemic", first published by Harper Collins in 2006 and currently in its second edition. He appears regularly in the media (news papers, magazines television and radio) in the United States as an expert on celiac disease and gluten related disorders.

This award acknowledges Dr Peter Green's work, profession, skill, dedication to education, generosity, contribution to the medical profession and support for sufferers of celiac disease as it has been one of enormous benefit to the sufferers of this disease. It also recognises Peter's love for, and philanthropic contribution to Newington. He was a founding Director in 2006 of the Australian Independent Schools USA Foundation, a board on which he remains, now benefiting 27 other Australian Schools.