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BIOGRAPHY

Philip Finch completed his medical education at the University of Western Australia. Philip has worked in the field of pain medicine since 1978 and only in this field since 1987. His particular interests are those of intervention using nerve blocks and radiofrequency lesioning in a number of spinal and other structures. In particular, he is interested in the intervertebral disc as a possible origin for spinal pain and methods for treating this condition. He has been instrumental in developing equipment for radiofrequency lesioning including curved radiofrequency electrodes and the discTRODE. More recently, he has studied the association between implanted intrathecal opioid pumps and the development of hypogonadism in male patients, with related loss of bone density and onset of osteoporosis. He has also been interested in the field of neuropathic pain, specifically Complex Regional Pain. With Professor Peter Drummond, he has studied the importance of alpha-1 adrenoceptors both in humans and animal models of neuropathic pain, producing a number of publications over the years.

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