

## Doctor Profile Orthopaedic Surgeon Hip, Trauma. Paediatric

## **Dr Lucas Annabell**MBBS, BMedSci, FRACS, FAOA



Dr Lucas Annabell (MBBS, BMedSci, PGDSAnat, FRACS, FAOrthoA) is a Paediatric and Adult Orthopaedic Surgeon who specialises in adult and paediatric orthopaedics, hip replacement and preservation, and limb reconstruction. He currently works at the Royal Children's Hospital and The Alfred Hospital publicly, as well as a number of private hospitals.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor Surgery (MBBS) and a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc). He undertook internship and residency in Melbourne, before being accepted to the Australian Orthopaedic Association training scheme in Victoria, where he completed five years of accredited surgical training, including a six month posting at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, Oregon, USA.

He completed his orthopaedic surgery fellowship exams (FRACS) in Australia and was admitted to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He then completed a subspecialty fellowship at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, specialising in limb reconstruction and paediatric oncology.

Lucas has worked at a number of hospitals in the United States. Following his time at the Royal Children's, he completed a fellowship in Boston, Massachusetts, where he specialised in hip preservation and limb reconstruction. He has also spent time at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, furthering his knowledge in hip preservation and orthopaedic oncology, before returning to the Royal Children's Hospital and the Alfred Hospital as a consultant orthopaedic surgeon.

He has spent a large amount of time focusing on adolescent and young adult hip conditions, including dysplasia, Perthes, slipped capital femoral epiphyses, and femoracetabular impingement, and has trained specifically to perform anterior and posterior hip arthroplasty, periacetabular osteotomies, femoral osteotomies, surgical hip dislocations, and other complex operations about the hip. He has also trained in numerous limb reconstruction operations, including dealing with benign and malignant tumours, limb salvage post tumour resection, rotationplasty, limb lengthening, guided growth, rotational abnormalities, limb deficiencies, and bone dysplasias.

Lucas enjoys overseas volunteer work and has participated in a number of orthopaedic outreach trips, including missions to Samoa, Vietnam, and Alaska. He also enjoys being part of ongoing medical education and has taught medical students from the University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University, and Harvard University, as well as residents and registrars in both Australia and the United States. He is the Director of Orthopaedic Training at the Royal Children's Hospital and is a registered University of Melbourne examiner.

His time overseas has allowed him to build strong networks around the globe and has allowed him to contribute to research and academia in the areas of hip dysplasia, slipped capital femoral epiphysis, paediatric fractures, limb reconstruction, and osteogenesis imperfecta. He is a member of multiple orthopaedic societies, including the Australian Orthopaedic Association, Australian Paediatric Orthopaedic Society, the Paediatric Society of North America, the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society, the Australian Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society, and the Paediatric Research in Sports Medicine Society.

His non orthopaedic interests include mountaineering, ice climbing, (almost) all forms of football, cooking, and travel.

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