

Obituary – Leo Rozner 19.07.1932 – 28.05.2016

It is with great sadness that I write to you on the passing of Leo Rozner, a gifted plastic surgeon and Founding Member of our Society.

Born in 1932 Leo and his family were expelled from Danzig as a result of his father being a known socialist Jew. Traversing across Poland to England, they boarded a ship for Australia, when the second world war was declared. The Rozner family settled in Brunswick, Victoria opening a draper's shop in Coburg. To avoid joining the family business, Leo committed himself to study medicine, graduating at the age of 22 with an MBBS. Leo spent a few years working in and around Victorian hospitals and four years in England where he chose to specialise in plastic surgery. In May 1960 Leo attained FRACS and in November 1960 FRCS (England). In 1965 Leo became a Member of the British Association of Plastic Surgery and Founding Member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons in 1970.

Leo was admitted to the Medical Advisory Board, The Avenue Hospital in 1980, became an Interplast Inc. team member in 1981, a Member of the Board of Interplast, USA 1982, received the Dow Corning Award – Scientific Paper of Excellence, Down's Syndrome in 1982 and was a Founder of Interplast Australia in 1983. In 1995 Leo was awarded Medla in Service, Vietnam 1963-64.

After a short period of illness, Leo passed away on 28 May 2016. He leaves four children, 2 daughters from his first wife and a son and daughter from his second wife Kathy.