

DR ROBERT DUNLOP
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Robert was a foundation pupil of Massey High School and became the first Dux of the school, awarded jointly with Jennifer James in 1973.

As well as excelling academically, Robert took an active part in the wider life of the school through the school council, sponsorship committee, librarianship, magazine committee, hockey, where he was Captain of the 1st XI, and a school prefect.

After leaving Massey High School, Robert attended Otago University Medical School graduating with Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees in 1979. He worked in the Taranaki Base Hospital for three years before returning to Auckland to join the Medical Registrar training scheme. In 1986 he was invited to become a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACS). From 1986 to 1988 he worked as a Lecturer in the Care of the Dying at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. While there he co-edited the book "Hospital-based Palliative Care Teams : the hospital-hospice interface" published by Oxford University Press.

In 1988 he returned to Auckland as Medical Director of the South Auckland Hospice and was President of Hospice New Zealand. He returned to England in 1992 as the Medical Director and Chief Executive of St Christopher's Hospice, the birthplace of the modern hospice movement. During this time Robert established the Department of Palliative Care and Policy at King's College, London University, in which he held the post of Honorary Senior Lecturer in Palliative Care and Policy. He authored "Cancer : Palliative Care" and "Living with the Dying" during this time.

In 2000 he became the Clinical Director of InferMed, a global leader in providing evidenced-based guidelines for the care of patients with multiple conditions including diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure and kidney disease. These highly sophisticated guidelines are based on their unique Arezzo Technology, an artificial intelligence system for improving decision making. Over 25% of New Zealand GPs now use this system.

An international business consultancy company based in the USA, Frost and Sullivan, awarded InferMed the "Entrepreneurial Company of the Year" in 2006. This is a global award and they selected InferMed for their "superior entrepreneurial ability, excellence in decision support and the market potential of its innovative and unique products : MACRO and AREZZO".

Robert Dunlop must take a huge amount of credit for this outstanding international award.