

DR VALERIE MALKA



Born in Paris, France, Dr Valerie Malka moved to Sydney, Australia as a young girl. Schooled on Sydney's North Shore, she went on to complete her medical degree at the University of New South Wales and internship and residency at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, with various rotations around Australia, including Alice Springs. She completed her advanced general surgical training based at Westmead Hospital with rotations to Canberra, Concord and Blacktown. Following her Surgical Fellowship exams, she travelled to Canada to pursue a Trauma Fellowship in Toronto, Canada.

She returned in 2000 to take up the position of Director of Trauma at Westmead Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Centre, which was expanded to involve the greater area of Western Sydney in 2003, which she held for over a decade. She is a trauma and general surgeon with particular interests in Education and Quality Assurance, as well as being an Advanced Trauma Life Support Director and Definitive Surgical Trauma Care Course Instructor. She has worked for years with the Australasian College of Surgeons to advance and progress the cause for trauma care and prevention.

Dr Malka is the founder and convener of Austrama, a Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Surgery Conference, the largest conference of its kind in Australia, which started in 2000. Attracting speakers and delegates from around the world as well as all over Australia, it is run annually at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour. She is also the founder and past convener of the Youth and Road Trauma Forum. It is an injury prevention initiative, the largest in Australia, aimed at reducing the road toll and injuries in our high school students. Over 12,000 students attend from over 100 schools each year at the Acer Arena.

Her greatest passion is in Humanitarian Work, having joined and worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Rescue Committee. She completed a Masters Degree in International Public Health with a major in Humanitarian Law. She is currently completing a Masters of Art degree and has begun her life-long passion of writing. Travelling and reading extensively for work and play, her greatest non-professional passions are long distance running, yoga, french antiques, old black and white movies, pasta, snow, open fires and lastly old English literature.