

**Brief Biography: Professor Winita Hardikar MBBS, FRACP, PhD, FAASLD, AM**

Winita Hardikar graduated MBBS from Melbourne University in 1983, completed her paediatrics and clinical gastroenterology training at RCH, Melbourne and a PhD at Melbourne University. She was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to undertake post doctoral studies at Yale University where she spent 3 years studying ontogeny of bile acid transport. She is Head of the Liver and intestinal Transplant program and was previously the Director of the Department of Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Her main clinical interests are hepatology and liver transplantation, while her research interests include Alagille's syndrome, PFIC, PSC and biliary atresia. She has published over 120 peer reviewed articles . She also holds appointments at the Victorian Liver Transplant Unit, Austin Hospital, Melbourne University and Murdoch Children's Research Institute. She is an inaugural fellow of the American Association for the Study for Liver Disease and has been made a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honors.