



Northern Ontario  
School of Medicine

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**Australian University Honors the Dean of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine**

On April 11, Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean of Northern Ontario School of Medicine, was recognized as a medical pioneer by the School of Rural Health at Monash University in Australia. The University held a special ceremony to rename the auditorium at Australia's Latrobe Regional Hospital in his honor.

Daryl Pedler, Director of Gippsland Regional Clinical School and Associate Professor, is a former colleague of Dr. Strasser who notes that the renaming of the auditorium is more than appropriate. "Dr. Strasser's contribution to rural medical education, especially his influence on the development of rural health, education, training and research in Australia has been significant," says Dr. Pedler. "Students and others who now use the auditorium will pass by Dr. Strasser's name on a regular basis, providing them the opportunity to ask questions and better appreciate the man who has played such a large role in Australia's rural medical education programs."

Dr. Strasser's contributions to medical education around the world are laudable:

- Prior to becoming Northern Ontario School of Medicine's Founding Dean in 2002, Dr. Strasser was a Professor of Rural Health for Monash University and Head of the Monash University School of Rural Health.
- Between 1992 and 2004, Dr. Strasser held an international role as Chair of the Working Party on Rural Practice of Wonca, the World Organization of Family Doctors.
- In November 2002, Dr. Strasser was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners in recognition of his world leadership in the field of rural health.
- In March 2003, Dr. Strasser received the Louis Ariotti Award for excellence and innovation in rural and remote health in Australia.
- In October, 2004 Dr. Strasser was the recipient of the prestigious award, Fellow of Wonca, presented in recognition of his outstanding service to Wonca and family medicine around the world.

*A new medical school for the whole of Northern Ontario, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine is a joint venture of Lakehead and Laurentian Universities. With main campuses in Thunder Bay and Sudbury, the School will have multiple teaching and research sites distributed across Northern Ontario, in large and small communities. The School contributes to improving the health of people in Northern Ontario.*

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