

Special Lecture: “The Role of Helicopters in Multi-Casualty Incidents”

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Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) are often regarded as the “panacea to all ills in emergency prehospital care. This session will explore the benefits and pitfalls of helicopter utilization in the prehospital environment, especially in multi-casualty incidents.

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Greg started in EMS in 1978 after a career as a photojournalist and Publisher of Australia’s largest motorcycle magazine. During his EMS career he has held the following positions:

- Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) Paramedic
- MICA Team Manager
- Flight Paramedic – Victorian Air Ambulance
- Group Manager – Clinical Support/Quality Assurance – Metropolitan Ambulance Service
- Manager – Operational Audit – Metropolitan Ambulance Service
- Course Coordinator – Advanced Clinical Training Program – Queensland Ambulance Service
- Supervisor – Tactical Operations – Tasmanian Ambulance Service.
- Clinical Support Officer – Tasmanian Ambulance Service
- Editor – Ambulance World
- Flight Paramedic – Overseas Medical Emergency and General Assistance (OMEGA)
- Chief Flight Paramedic – LifeFlight Community Rescue
- Lecturer – Monash University Centre for Ambulance and Paramedic Studies

In 1991, Greg received a government scholarship to study Quality Assurance in EMS in the USA and visited EMS systems in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Denver and Pinellas County. In 1995 he completed the EMS Management course at UMBC in Maryland.

As a Flight Paramedic with OMEGA, he has travelled extensively overseas repatriating Australian tourists who have been injured or become ill whilst travelling.