



Fly for the Kids

One doctor. One plane. One mission:
to support The Royal Children's Hospital.



Meet Associate Professor Andrew Kornberg

For over 35 years, Andrew has delivered great care to the thousands of patients and families who visit The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Children's Neuroscience Centre every year. Each patient journey has helped him become the accomplished and respected paediatric neurologist he is today. Every patient faces challenges during their treatment and through Fly for the Kids, Andrew is honouring those challenges and working towards a brighter future for sick kids.

During his time at the RCH, Andrew has made a significant impact on children's health. With a special interest in muscular dystrophies, Andrew was instrumental in the establishment of the RCH Neuromuscular Program, which provides coordinated care for children and young people with complex nerve and muscle disorders. This considerable achievement, as well as his keen leadership of the RCH Neurology Department, earned Andrew the prestigious RCH Gold Medal award. Given to members of staff who have made an exceptional contribution to the hospital, the RCH Gold Medal is the highest honour bestowed on those recognised as true heroes of the hospital.

Taking his dedication to children's health to new levels, Andrew was recently appointed as Director of RCH Global Health. This international effort is bringing great care to children across the world by educating clinicians, leading innovative research and helping the most vulnerable patients get the care they need to reach their potential. Thanks to Andrew's leadership, RCH Global Health is already providing great care to sick and disadvantaged children from Libya and Bangladesh, to Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

Well-known for the clinical impacts of his work, Andrew is now keen to make an impact personally through Fly for the Kids. In March 2017, he will fly 27,000km over 27 days, spend more than 64 hours in the air, and reconnect with eight RCH patients across Australia, with a goal to raise funds for our great hospital. Through Andrew's aviatric adventure, the RCH can continue to pursue ground-breaking research, innovative technology, the best medical minds and the great patient and family care that the hospital is known for.