

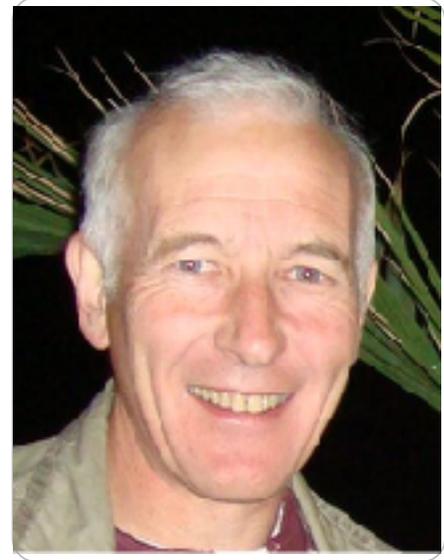
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EAT e.V. The Federation of Esophageal Atresia and tTacheo-esophageal fistula support groups

www.we-are-eat.org

TOFS National support group for EA in the UK

www.tofs.org.uk



ABOUT MY ROLE as ePAG in ERNICA:

1. Member of the Advisory Board as Patient Representative for all diagnoses in ERNICA
2. Member of the Working Package Management & Co-ordination
3. Member of the Working Package Dissemination
4. Member in Workstream 1: Malformations of the digestive system
 - Member of the QoL project within the Working Group: Congenital malformations and diseases of the oesophagus_
5. Represent ERNICA ePAGs on the EURORDIS ePAG co-ordinators board

MY STORY:

In 1953 I was born with esophageal atresia (EA). I am amongst the first survivors of EA and thanks to the pioneering surgery of Mr Ambrose Jolleys at Manchester Children's Hospital, I have the good fortune to be here today and (so far at least !) to have had a relatively healthy life.

Since 2008 I have been a Board member of TOFS (the UK EA support group) and since its foundation in 2011 I have been privileged to be the Chair of EAT, the international federation of EA support groups.

I am a passionate advocate of international collaboration; it is vital that our patients are able to benefit from the sharing of good practice and the development of improved or new surgical techniques and after-care. ERNs are, in my view, a most welcome initiative and ERNICA provides focus for those born with EA and the other conditions within its remit.

Before retirement I worked in both the Aerospace & Defence industry for 20 years and then for a global IT services company. I was fortunate to work internationally in both these positions and I hope that these experiences will be of some benefit in my role with ERNICA.

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