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Atresia (EA) & ERNICA ePAG lead



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.

Disease representing:	Esophageal Atresia (EA)
Patient organisation:	EAT e.V. The Federation of Esophageal Atresia and Tracheoesophageal fistula support groups  & TOFS National support group for EA in the United Kingdom (UK)
Country:	Residing in the UK, but EAT is a European-wide organisation
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