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Dr Desai has performed more than 500 urethral reconstructions. He completed his sub-specialty training in minimally invasive surgery, including laparoscopic and robotic surgery for urological cancers.



He has won numerous awards and honours throughout his career, most recently the Darling Downs Health District Award for Research and Innovation. He publishes journal articles, authors book chapters, presents his work at international conferences, and coordinates educational workshops.

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