

Dr Jeffrey Thavaseelan *M.B.B.S., FRACS (Urol) GAICD* Urological Surgeon, Director Perth Urology Clinic, *PERTH*

Dr Jeffrey Thavaseelan is a well-respected urologist, recognised for his expertise in neuro-urology and voiding dysfunction. He runs a comprehensive urodynamic service at St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital, Perth, and works as Director and Urological Surgeon at Perth Urology Clinic. He is the current Head of the Urology Department at SJOG Murdoch and is the current Chair of the Western Australia Urological Research Organisation (WAURO).

A University of Western Australia medical graduate, Dr Thavaseelan received his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in Urology in 2002.

He completed his post-fellowship training in General Urology and Urological Oncology in the United Kingdom (UK) and undertook a Travelling Fellowship in Germany and the USA in 2002 studying with international experts in the fields of neuro-urology, urodynamics and incontinence.

Dr Thavaseelan specialises in the management of erectile dysfunction (ED) (also known as impotence) – a common urological problem¹ involving the inability to achieve, and maintain a sufficient erection for sexual activity.^{2,3} He is an expert in penile implants – designed to be a permanent, long-term solution⁴ implanted into the penis, offering concealed support for an erection.^{5,6}

Dr Thavaseelan has previously sat on the Board of Directors (2013-2021) for the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ). He was also previously Clinical Lead of the Neuro-urology and Urodynamics unit at the State Spinal Rehabilitation Unit at Shenton Park and Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth (2002 – 2016).

He is a clinical mentor for the University of Notre Dame and has been on the teaching faculty for workshops in male urinary incontinence surgery and penile prosthetic surgery.

His other areas of interest lie in prostate cancer diagnosis and management, having performed robotic-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy since 2008. His special interests include the management of male urinary incontinence, particularly post-prostate cancer treatment, and prosthetic surgery for ED.

Dr Thavaseelan has authored multiple medical journals and chapters.

“Erectile dysfunction is common in the male population and not just related to the aging process. It is a reflection of an individual’s physical and mental health; therefore, a holistic approach needs to be taken in managing these patients.

“The ultimate goal is to optimise the individual’s risk factors (such as excess weight, cardiac disease, diabetes etc) that contribute to having developed erectile dysfunction and then provide support and treatment options which includes counselling, medical therapy and some surgical intervention.

“It is good to see that men are becoming more open with discussing this issue with their doctors but there is still a long way to go in breaking down those traditional social barriers,” said Dr Thavaseelan.



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