



**1987-1989: Joseph Norman (Jos) Bear,**  
MB,BCh(Wits) FRCS(Ed)  
1928-2003.

Jos Bear matriculated from Durban High School and studied Medicine at Wits, qualifying in 1950. He trained in Orthopaedics at Baragwanath Hospital and the Middlesex Hospital where he was admitted to the FRCS.

On returning to South Africa he took up an appointment at the University of Natal Medical School's Orthopaedic Department, working at the Addington and King Edward VIII hospitals.

He entered private practice a few years later, retaining his appointments on a part-time basis. He was visiting orthopaedic surgeon to the McCord Zulu Hospital in Durban and also to hospitals at Eshowe, Nongoma, Bethesda, Manguzi, Mseleni and Hlabisa.

He was actively involved in organizing the orthopaedic services to Lesotho with Anton Rupert's flying doctors. His special interest was in paediatric orthopaedic surgery and in surgery of the foot.

He was elected to the National Executive Committee of the SAOA in 1977 and did invaluable service as Honorary Treasurer for 19 years. He was elected President from 1987 to 1989 and was then appointed as the South African representative on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

Jos was an unassuming but deeply respected member of the orthopaedic community with a well developed, quiet sense of humour who imparted his orthopaedic wisdom to generations of orthopaedic trainees at the University of Kwazulu Natal.

Outside orthopaedics, he was an active Rotarian for many years.