

## **Dr. Milton Waner**

Milton Waner, M.D. BCh, FCS (SA), is a pediatric facial plastic surgeon and is Director of the Vascular Birthmark Institute of New York at Lenox Hill and Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospitals.

Dr. Waner earned his medical degree at the University of Witwatersrand Medical School in Johannesburg, South Africa. After graduating, he completed his internship, general surgical training and his specialist training in Otolaryngology at the same institution. He then completed a research fellowship in head and neck surgery at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

He commenced his academic career in 1985 with a faculty position in the Department of Surgery at Sydney University, Australia. In 1988, he was recruited to join the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His career was exemplary and he was promoted with tenure to the rank of Associate Professor in Otolaryngology in 1993. In 1999, he became a full Professor and two years later, a chair was endowed in his name in Pediatric Facial Plastic Surgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Dr. Waner has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles in peer reviewed journals, 36 textbook chapters, and he has written and edited 3 textbooks. He also holds 12 US patents, many of which have also been issued overseas. He is considered a world authority in hemangiomas and vascular malformations and his work has been cited in over 3000 scientific papers. He was a pioneer in the development of copper vapor lasers and has remained at the forefront in both the clinical aspects and basic research in the field of lasers in medicine. One of his recent inventions is a pair of infrared glasses that can visualize veins through intact skin. This instrument will soon be used in operating rooms and emergency rooms throughout the country. Dr. Waner promoted and championed early treatment of children with hemangiomas and many of the surgical procedures used nowadays were developed by him. He has contributed greatly to our understanding of this field and has published several landmark papers in this field. He has been a visiting professor at 25 institutions both in the US and abroad.

Dr. Waner has been the recipient of numerous awards. These include an Honor Award presented by the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, the Children's Miracle Network Achievement Award and a Knighthood in Poland for his work with disfigured children. He has been made an honorary member of the British Academy of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons. He served as the surgical representative on the board of directors of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery and was nominated to run for president of that society. He is and has been a member of several societies including the International Society for the Study of Vascular Anomalies, the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery, the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Waner is included in several lists of top physicians including, America's Top Doctors and The Best Doctor's in America. His work has been written about in numerous newspapers and magazines, both local and abroad, including The US News and World Report, The New York Magazine and The New York Times. His work has also been highlighted on numerous national and international TV programs.