

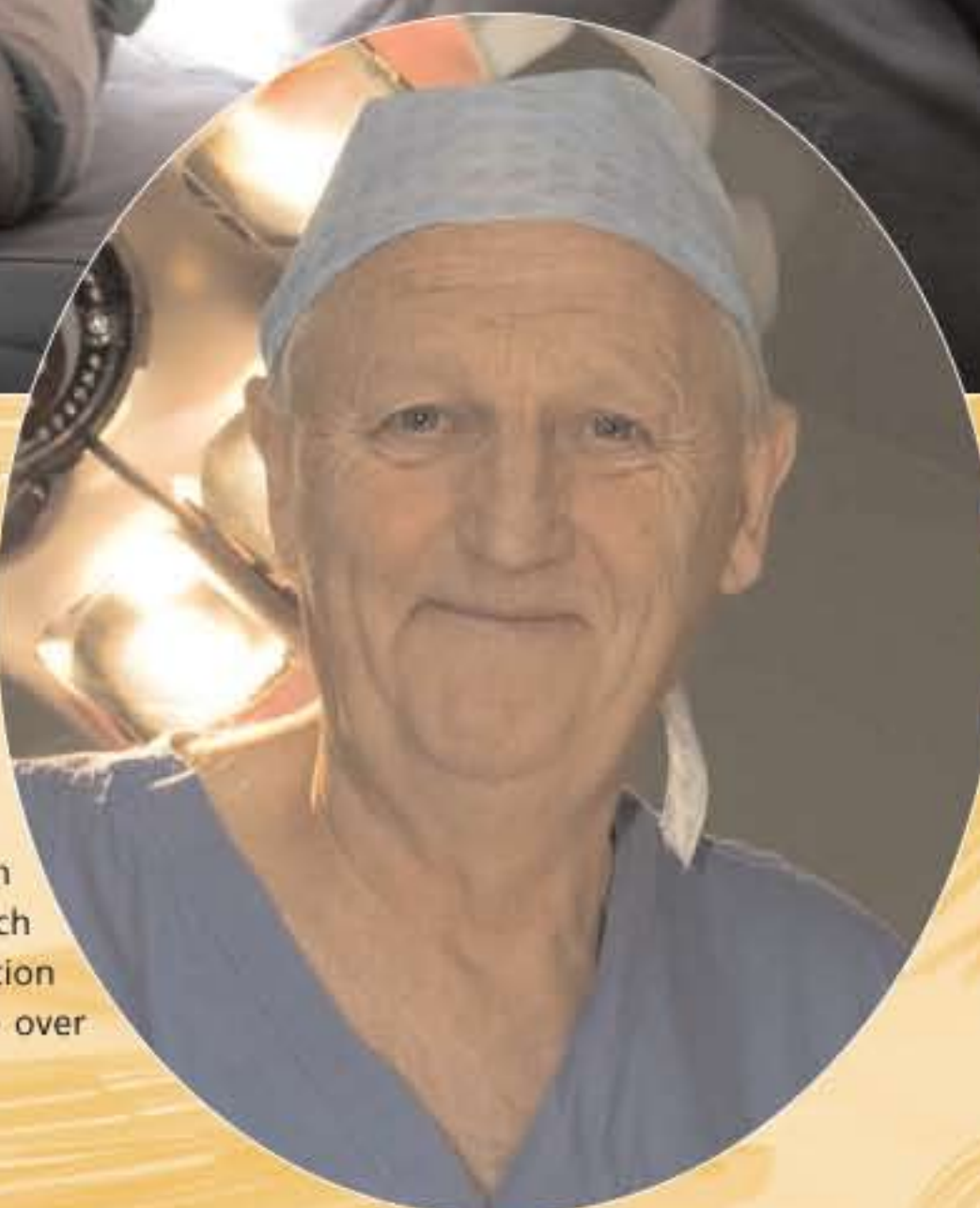
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Operating on infants and children requires special care and, since the mid-twentieth century, novel techniques have been developed that have enabled more conditions in ever younger patients to be successfully treated.

By the mid-1970s a whole range of life-threatening congenital conditions could be successfully treated, even in prematurely born infants. One example of the astonishing progress that has been made is in surgery for Oesophageal Atresia – a condition where children are born with a blind-ending oesophagus which does not connect to the stomach. Survival rates for this condition have gone from zero per cent at the beginning of the NHS to over ninety per cent now.



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