

LIFE IN HIS HANDS.....

Dr Charlie Teo, Louise Pope and Simon Boulton (Directors, Aequalis Consulting)



Aequalis Consulting donate brain surgery equipment to Cure for Life Foundation

**By Louise Pope
Director Aequalis Consulting**

As many of you are aware Aequalis Consulting are proud supporters of the Cure for Life Foundation and each year we contribute part of our profits to this amazing cause. Directors Simon Boulton and Louise Pope and their staff would like to thank all our clients for their continued support because without you this generous donation would not have been possible.

2009 has certainly been a turbulent year, a year which has tested the best of us. Simon and I were invited to spend the day in surgery with Dr Charles Teo to witness something truly amazing. Suits left behind we scrubbed in, and so the day began. A day that we will never forget. It soon put the events of the global economic crisis into perspective. We were not prepared for what we were about to witness.

X-rays on the wall displayed the tumour with the shadow appearing like a cumulus cloud, covering 3/4 of the brain, aggressively threatening to take the life of this 34 year old. Dr Charlie Teo hovered over the brain for 11 hours, cutting and burning without a hint of tremor. With Abba and John Denver playing in the background the team of doctors and nurses effectively and efficiently supported Charlie in his every move. What was supposed to be a quick 3 hour operation followed by a photo session turned into an 11 hour battle. We watched as Charlie and his team battled on for victory, beating overwhelming odds his every move fighting this atrocious disease. Witnessing this confident, capable but yet controversial surgeon fight on to buy time and hopefully save a life we watched in admiration. An unmistakable team spirit of endurance, selflessness, mateship, a trust and respect for one another, their dependence on one another, their ability to never give up, to hang in there when all else seemed lost. We were privileged and humbled by what we were witnessing, and truly proud that our business and your support will help save the lives of others.

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Louise and Simon and the staff at Aequalis Consulting would like to thank you. Without your support this donation would not have been possible.

Four years ago Aequalis Consulting Director Simon Boulton was diagnosed with a life threatening brain tumour. Given only 6 weeks to live he sought a second opinion, a decision he will never regret. Charlie operated on Simon for over 7 hours to remove the tumour, and proving to be malignant, Simon then underwent 6 weeks of intensive Radiotherapy. 4 years on Simon considers himself one of the very lucky ones, as so few patients survive brain cancer. We are delighted to announce Aequalis Consulting will be hosting a charity fundraiser on **Thursday October 22nd, 2009** called **"An evening with Charlie Teo in support of the Cure for Life Foundation"**. During this interview Simon will explore what makes Australia's most celebrated yet controversial neurosurgeon tick. A self described maverick, many patients see him as a miracle worker. We see him as a hero, a husband and dad, a selfless, charming and charismatic individual who is sure to entertain.

Don't miss this evening of controversy and celebration. To register your interest in attending please email stephaniep@aequalisconsulting.com.au

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