

Professor Simon Mallal Biography

Professor Simon Mallal, Executive Director of the Western Australian Centre for Clinical Immunology and Biomedical Statistics, is an HIV physician, clinical immunologist and immunopathologist based at Royal Perth Hospital in Western Australia.

Recognised internationally as an outstanding scientist for his work in HIV/AIDS research, Professor Mallal's results have made a notable and important contribution to the international scientific community.

Professor Mallal's work on HIV/AIDS research began in 1986, just two years after he graduated. Today, Professor Mallal continues to treat patients, as well as fulfilling his international research commitments.

In 2000, he established the Centre for Clinical Immunology and Biomedical Statistics at Royal Perth Hospital in partnership with Murdoch University, where he and his team have been credited for making several key advances in HIV research - leading to publications in prestigious high impact journals.

Keen to see his research used to advance practical advancements for the community, Professor Mallal has developed successful working relationships with several multinational companies and forged more than 30 collaborations with leading research groups including Microsoft, Beckman Coulter, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck Sharp & Dohme, and other pharmaceutical companies.

Since 2000, he and his team have attracted more than \$20 million of direct, highly competitive public and private sector research funds into Western Australia. Some of these sources include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The National Institutes of Health (USA) and National Health and Medical Research Council. The importance of his work and growing research capacity was recognised by the State when he was awarded \$2.3 million in 2005 from the State's Centre of Excellence Program to build a world-class research facility.

Professor Mallal has also been lauded throughout the world for his combination of HIV research with computing and biostatistical methods. In 1990, he designed and implemented one of the first local area networks of personal computers within the Department of Clinical Immunology at Royal Perth and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals. Professor Mallal was also responsible for creating one of the first clinical observational databases to facilitate patient care and research in Australia.

Professor Mallal has given 65 invited lectures about his work and research findings and has published more than 100 articles. In 2005, he was awarded the Western Australian Premier's Prize for Achievement in Science.

Professor Mallal holds a Bachelor of Medical Science (1st Class Honours), Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), he is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Clinical Immunology and Allergy) and Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia and is a Professor at Murdoch University.

He is a member of the International AIDS Society, Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, Australian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Australian Society for Immunology and the Australasian and South East Asian Tissue Typing Association. Professor Mallal also serves on several committees, including the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Professional Affairs, Immunodeficiency Foundation of Western Australia (Founding Member and Board Member), Western Australian Sexual Health Advisory Committee and the Scientific Committee of International Congress in Drug Therapy in HIV infection.

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