

Menzies leaders inducted into important new health and medical academy

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Three preeminent researchers from the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) were inducted as Fellows of the newly formed *Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences* on Wednesday night.

The Academy, launched in Canberra by Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, was established to promote health and medical research and its translation to enable a healthier community both in Australia and globally.

Recognised for their significant contributions to human health through excellence in medical research, the Fellows representing Menzies are:

- **Professor Alan Cass**, Menzies director,
- **Professor Anne Chang**, head of Child Health Division
- **Professor Nicholas Anstey**, head of Global and Tropical Health Division

The Academy serves three broad purposes outlined as high priorities in the recent McKeon report on Health and Medical Research:

1. Mentoring the next generation of clinician researchers
2. Providing independent advice to government and others on issues relating to evidence based medical practice and medical research
3. Providing a forum for discussion on progress of medical research with an emphasis on translation of research into practice.

“It is a great honour for Menzies researchers to be recognised amongst Australia’s leading minds in health and medicine,” said Prof Cass.

“We have a strong focus on making a difference through our research. Being appointed to the academy provides a clear avenue for Menzies to impart our knowledge and to participate in discussions regarding future directions in health and medical research in Australia.”

Prof Cass said the focus of the Academy on mentoring the next generation of researchers is crucial. “For Australia’s health and medical science to continue to be world-leading, we need to have a strong research base for future generations.”

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For further information on the academy visit www.aahms.org

For further information on the Menzies researchers inducted:

Professor Alan Cass -

http://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our_People/Researchers/Alan_Cass/

Professor Anne Chang -

http://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our_People/Researchers/Anne_Chang/

Professor Nicholas Anstey -

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Menzies background

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's only Medical Research Institute dedicated to improving Indigenous health and wellbeing. We have a 30-year history of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, partnering with over 60 Indigenous communities across Northern and Central Australia. We collaborate to create resources, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.

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