

John Chalmers – Co-principal Investigator



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John Chalmers is a Senior Director and Head of Research Advisory Unit at The George Institute for International Health. He is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at both The University of Sydney and Flinders University in Australia. John is an Honorary Consultant Physician at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Sydney South West Area Health Service. He is past-president of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Australian Society for Medical Research and the International Society of Hypertension and past-chairman of the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia.

John's research in brain mechanisms controlling blood pressure and in the treatment of hypertension has been recognised through the award of the Wellcome Medal (1981), the RT Hall Prize of the Cardiac Society of ANZ and the Volhard Medal of the International Society of Hypertension. He has received Honorary MDs from The University of Queensland, The University of New South Wales, Flinders University of South Australia, and The University of Sydney. He was admitted to the Australian Academy of Science in 1987. He was appointed a Companion in the Order of Australia (AC) in 1991 and awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for his contribution to Australian Society and Science.

Stephen MacMahon – Co-principal Investigator



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Stephen MacMahon is a Principal Director of The George Institute for International Health. He is also Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Sydney and Honorary Consultant Epidemiologist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Australia. He holds Honorary Professorships at the Peking University Health Science Centre and the University of Auckland Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Stephen is Chairman of the Partnership Council of the Initiative for Cardiovascular Health Research in Developing Countries (IC Health), a development of the Geneva-based Global Forum for Health Research and the World Health Organization. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Heart Research Institute in Sydney and a member of the Council of the International Society of Hypertension.

Giuseppe Mancia – Management Committee Member



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Giuseppe Mancia is Head of the Division and Department of Internal Medicine at the San Gerardo Hospital, Monza, and Chairman of the Department of the Clinical Medicine and Prevention at the University of Milan-Bicocca. He is past-President of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH), the European Society of Hypertension (ESH), the European Society of Clinical Investigation and the Italian Society of Hypertension (SIIA). He is past-Chairman of the Working Group on Hypertension and the Heart of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). He is member of the Executive Council of the American Society of Hypertension and Chairman of the WHO/ISH Liaison Committee on Hypertension. He is Chairman of the Committee for the ESH/ESC Guidelines on Hypertension and has been member of the Task Force for CVD prevention of the Joint European Committee.

He is ordinary or honorary member of several scientific Societies and has received as number of International research awards among which the Heymans Award of the International Society of Pharmacology, the Merck Sharp & Dohme Award and the 2006 Volhard Award of the International Society of Hypertension, the Folkow Award of the European Society of Hypertension, the International Arrigo Recordati Prize, the Invernizzi Prize of Medicine, the Spinoza Award and Honorary Professorship of the University of Amsterdam and the Honorary Cardiology Chair of the University of Cordoba. He has given the Wright Lecture (Australian High Blood Pressure Council) the Tigersted Lecture, the Pickering Lecture (British Hypertension Society) Giuseppe Mancia's research interests are pathophysiology, clinical pharmacology and therapy of hypertension, congestive heart failure and other cardiovascular diseases.

Bruce Neal - Management Committee Member



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Bruce Neal is a Senior Director, Research and Development at The George Institute for International Health, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney, Heart Foundation Career Development Fellow and an Honorary Consultant Epidemiologist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Bruce completed his medical training at Bristol University in the UK in 1990 and spent four years in clinical posts during which time he gained membership of the UK Royal College of Physicians. Prior to taking up his current post in 1999, he spent four years working as an epidemiologist at the Clinical Trials Research Unit in Auckland, New Zealand, where he completed his PhD in Medicine.

Anushka Patel - Principal Clinical Coordinator



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Anushka Patel is Director of the Cardiovascular Division at The George Institute for International Health, and a Staff Specialist in the Department of Cardiology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Anushka completed her undergraduate medical training at the University of Queensland in December 1989 and her training in cardiology (leading to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Physicians) in 1998. She has a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology from Harvard University, and a PhD in Medicine from the University of Sydney. Anushka also currently holds a five year National Heart Foundation of Australia Career Development Fellowship.