

Professor David Currow is the Chief Cancer Officer of NSW and Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Institute NSW, the NSW Government's cancer control agency. He continues to hold the appointment of Professor of Palliative and Supportive Services at Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia.

Professor David Currow has been announced as the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine 2015 joint recipient of the Excellence in Scientific Research in Palliative Care Award. David is now the first and to date only Australian to receive this award

David initially trained as a physician in internal medicine with sub-speciality training in palliative medicine. At the same time, he completed a Master of Public Health exploring changes in the reported incidence of cancer unknown primary in New South Wales over a 25 year time period. Former roles include foundation Director of the Nepean Cancer Care Centre, Sydney and Area Director of Palliative Services Wentworth Area Health Service, Sydney. Since 2000 he has had the Chair of Palliative and Supportive Services at Flinders University where there are more than 200 distance students studying at a post-graduate level around the world from a variety of discipline backgrounds. He has published widely in palliative care journals and the general medical literature. Among other projects, he is co-chief investigator on an anthology of evidence for palliative care practice and service delivery – www.caresearch.com.au Other research interests include the symptomatic management of dyspnoea, improving population based planning for people with life limiting illnesses and improving the evidence base around which clinical decisions are made in palliative care.

