



### Bio-sketch of Professor Graeme P Young, MB, BS (Melb), MD (Melb), FRACP



Graeme Young graduated MB, BS in 1969 from the University of Melbourne with honours. After attaining Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, he studied overseas on a Fogarty International Fellowship and RACP Travelling Scholarship at Washington University, St Louis. He graduated MD in 1981 (University of Melbourne), and in 1997 was appointed as the foundation Professor of Gastroenterology at Flinders University of South Australia, and Head Gastrointestinal Services at Flinders Medical Centre and Repatriation General Hospital. In 2002, he was additionally appointed as Director of Development, Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer Care, Prevention and Research. In 2005 he was appointed as CSIRO P-Health Flagship fellow and became Head of the Flinders Cancer Control Alliance.

He has an *international* reputation, especially in the broad field of colorectal cancer and its prevention. He has many publications including articles on intestinal cell biology, mechanisms of dietary prevention, screening and surveillance for colorectal cancer, and public health issues related to bowel health and bowel cancer. He is the senior editor on several comprehensive textbooks and contributes chapters to major textbooks on gastrointestinal medicine.

At the *clinical level*, he has overseen the implementation of Gastrointestinal Services at Flinders Medical Centre and Repatriation Hospital Daw Park, a functional grouping of physicians and surgeons with major coordinated support from nurses, pathologists and dieticians. This has resulted in implementation of several multidisciplinary pathways for complex cases, and several databases designed to facilitate management of people through complex pathways involving interaction between primary care and several intrahospital specialty areas. It has also resulted in management of Gastroenterology and Hepatology across two hospitals – FMC and Repatriation Hospitals – in a manner that complements and coordinates regional services. He has overseen many changes to existing clinical programs and he is experienced in change management.

He currently heads a large *research* initiative at the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer Care, Prevention and Research, within the Flinders Cancer Control Alliance. He has several teams of research personnel covering population screening, clinical research, epithelial biology and molecular biology. He has attracted funding from Australian and overseas bodies, including NHMRC, state Cancer Councils, NIH, industry, benevolent foundations and government.

In terms of *leadership* and peer processes, he has participated in and / or chairs national committees or boards including the Australian Bowel Cancer Screening Program, NHMRC, and National Cancer Control Initiative. He is a council member of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia. He also acts as advisor to several international research bodies (including US National Cancer Institute), organisations involved in management of cancer (e.g. OMED, UICC) and biotechnology companies. He is a founding Board Member of the International Digestive Cancer Alliance and is the Chair of the World Organization of Digestive Endoscopy, Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee. He has formally advised government bodies of Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, France and the United States, on aspects of prevention of colorectal cancer.

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