

## Kolling Institute of Medical Research announces new Director

Leading Parkinson's disease and mitochondrial research neurologist, Professor Carolyn Sue, has been appointed Director of Research at the Kolling Institute of Medical Research.

The Kolling Institute is the oldest medical research institute in NSW, located on the Royal North Shore Hospital campus, and has been at the forefront of research for more than 90 years. It is jointly managed by the University of Sydney and Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD).

The announcement was made to staff by NSLHD's Chief Executive Deb Willcox, following an extensive international recruitment campaign.

"Professor Sue was appointed following a rigorous international recruitment process," Ms Willcox said.

"Prof Sue is a highly accomplished neurologist and is internationally regarded for her work in both Parkinson's and mitochondrial disease. She was recently invited to provide expert advice at the Federal Parliament's Inquiry into Mitochondrial Donation, a new reproductive option to prevent the transmission of mitochondrial DNA disease.

"The Kolling Institute is undergoing transformational change and Prof Sue has championed this strategic change, having been the interim Director of Research for more than 12 months."

The University of Sydney's Executive Dean of Medicine and Health, Professor Robyn Ward, welcomed the appointment of Prof Sue.

"Prof Sue is extremely passionate about the Kolling Institute and the importance of translational research in healthcare. She will serve as a wonderful exemplar to the young clinician scientists who are our future" Prof Ward said.

"She brings much enthusiasm to the role and brings years of academic, research and clinical experience which will help to continue Kolling's vision in translating research to the patient's bedside."

Professor Sue has worked at the Kolling Institute since 2002. She is the Director of Neurogenetics at Royal North Shore Hospital and Director of the National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research (Sydney).

"It is an honour to be appointed as the Director of Research for the Kolling Institute of Medical Research and I am excited to continue to work with the academic and research teams in the quest to deliver translational research outcomes for patients," Prof Sue said.

"I look forward to strengthening the Kolling Institute and supporting the researchers and collaborators in undertaking innovative and life-saving research.

“I am excited about pursuing the opportunities in research funding and the investment the Federal Government has made in translational research.”

The Kolling Institute is the longest-running medical research institute in NSW. Established in 1920 by an Act of Parliament as the Institute of Pathological Research of NSW, it is located at St Leonards and houses state of the art laboratory facilities. The Kolling Institute is an unincorporated joint venture of the Northern Sydney Local Health District and the University of Sydney

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### **Professor Carolyn Sue Biography**

Professor Carolyn Sue is the Director of Neurogenetics and the inaugural Professor of Neurology at Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards. She graduated from Medicine at the University of NSW in 1987. She trained in neurology at Concord, Lidcombe and Westmead Hospitals and has held various senior positions in NSW hospitals.

Carolyn completed her PhD in mitochondrial medicine at the University of Sydney and undertook postdoctoral studies as a NHMRC Neil Hamilton Fairley Fellow at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York. Professor Sue is now recognised internationally for her expertise in mitochondrial medicine and movement disorders.

Carolyn was the first female adult neurologist to be promoted to Professor in Australia and has been awarded numerous awards, including the Young Investigator of the Year (Australian Association of Neurologists, 1995), the Ludwig Engel Memorial Fellowship (2000), the Leonard Cox Award for outstanding contributions to Australian Neuroscience (Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists, 2003), the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation Mito Community Appreciation Award (2016) and the Mervyn Eadie Award for career achievement in Neuroscience (Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists, 2019). In 2009, she launched the establishment of the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation and was named in the Top 100 Most influential People (Sydney Magazine, Sydney Morning Herald).

Throughout her medical and research career, Carolyn has provided expert commentary in mitochondrial disease and Parkinson’s disease. She is regularly invited to speak at international conferences on mitochondria and movement disorders.