



## Professor Jeremy Chapman AC

Professor Jeremy Chapman AC was awarded Life Membership of the ANZSN in honour of a lifetime of achievement and a significant contribution to kidney health as a nephrologist, clinical researcher, leader, humanitarian and innovator.

The list of Professor Chapman's achievements is endless, and run the gamut from spearheading the National Kidney Pancreas Transplant program that has transformed the lives of over 550 Australians with Type 1 diabetes mellitus and chronic kidney disease, to the development of the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry, to developing and managing the National Organ Matching System for deceased donor kidney transplantation.

He has also been an outstanding leader and role model for those seeking to shape healthcare, through his roles as the Director of the Western Renal Service, Director of the Division of Medicine and Cancer, Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD), Deputy Chair of the Board of the WSLHD, Past President of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand, The Transplantation Society, and the World Marrow Donor Association as well as Editor-in-Chief for *Transplantation*.

During his time as the President of the Transplantation Society, Professor Chapman and colleagues created the Declaration of Istanbul through the Istanbul Summit on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism in 2008. This Declaration clarifies the issues of transplant tourism, trafficking and commercialism and has provided ethical guidelines for practices in organ donation and transplantation. Since the creation of the declaration, over 100 countries have endorsed the principles and many countries, including China, Pakistan, the Philippines, Israel and India have revised their laws with regards to organ donation and transplantation.

Professor Chapman is also a stellar clinical researcher. Although, in his very humble manner, he would say it is 'those very intelligent people around him that make the department shine'. They were the first to define calcineurin inhibitor toxicity in the context of chronic allograft nephropathy as the main cause of allograft loss in kidney transplant recipients. Together with Sir Peter Morris, he first characterised the pathogenicity of IgM vs. IgG positive B cell crossmatches in transplant recipients, and improved crossmatch and tissue typing technologies globally. Using registry data, he has shown how cancer is a key complication of solid organ transplant recipients and informed practice changes.

Professor Chapman's continued devotion to the field of transplantation and nephrology serves as an example to all of us as to how we could focus our lives inspiring the younger generations, students and professionals alike. He has given over three decades of support and guidance to the renal community, constantly raising the levels of professionalism through his hard work and insights.

Generous with his time and expertise, Professor Chapman has established a standard of clinical and research excellence that the rest of us can aspire to. Over the course of his career, he has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to transplantation and nephrology. These include the Companion of the Order of Australia Medal, Order of Australia Medal, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science, Asturias Foundation Award Spain, David Hume Award, National Kidney Foundation of America, and Honorary Life Membership of the TSANZ.



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