

## The Legacy of Professor Ann Woolcock



The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research was born of world-renowned clinician and researcher Professor Ann Woolcock's passion for life, learning and making a difference.

Her research had a fundamental impact on our understanding of lung health and she was the driving force behind the establishment of national and international treatment guidelines for lung disease.

Professor Ann Woolcock passed away in 2001 but her legacy and passion lives on in the clinicians and researchers at the Woolcock today.



**The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research  
is a not-for-profit organisation**

If you are interested in further information about becoming involved in our research studies or making a donation, please visit our website [www.woolcock.org.au](http://www.woolcock.org.au).

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# Welcome to the Woolcock



**WOOLCOCK**   
LEADERS IN BREATHING & SLEEP RESEARCH

## WOOLCOCK INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research is a not-for-profit research facility and clinic specialising in respiratory and sleep health.

We are the leading respiratory and sleep research organisation in Australia and have been ranked by the influential Times Higher Education as the top specialist sleep and respiratory health research centre in the world.

Dedication to wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. Our researchers, clinicians and staff share a common goal – to create a better life for people living with respiratory conditions and sleep disorders.



## WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

Our team of more than 200 medical researchers is committed to investigating the causes of disease, finding better treatments and translating discoveries into new clinical practice. Our state-of-the-art facilities are home to the world's best respiratory and sleep researchers who are making ground-breaking discoveries on a daily basis.

Our main areas of research are:

- Respiratory disease including asthma, emphysema, cystic fibrosis, allergies, pneumonia and tuberculosis
- Sleep disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), narcolepsy and insomnia, and other sleep-related issues such as ageing, shift work and obesity
- Lung cancer

We thank our generous donors for enabling the Woolcock to continue to make ground-breaking discoveries.



## THE WOOLCOCK CLINIC

We also have a clinic in Sydney which offers specialised treatment and healthcare support for people with sleep and respiratory disorders.

Many of our clinicians are world-renowned medical researchers. As a patient, you will benefit from the latest innovations in diagnosis and cutting-edge evidence-based medicine, our comprehensive respiratory testing facilities and our world-class diagnostic sleep services.

## THE WOOLCOCK AND THE COMMUNITY

As a not-for-profit organisation and world-leader in healthcare delivery and research into respiratory disease and sleep disorders, the Woolcock engages with the community in a variety of ways:

- Encouraging patient participation in research
- Educating the wider medical community via training programs in the latest therapies
- Training students from different national and international universities

- Undertaking partnerships with industry to improve health outcomes
- Engaging with the media to promote relevant issues, the latest guidelines and advice
- Working with donors to make the discoveries that will improve the people's lives today and in the future

## THE WOOLCOCK TODAY

Research from the Woolcock has impacted on:

- Government policy on flued and unflued gas heaters used in NSW public schools
- Our understanding of why respiratory infections can lead to the development of lung diseases
- Routine diagnosis of sleep disorders and our consideration of the risk of untreated OSA
- Prediction of asthma epidemics such as thunderstorms
- Guidelines for the treatment of sleep and respiratory disorders internationally
- The development of biomarker testing for predicting patient response to cancer therapy
- World Health Organisation screening guidelines for tuberculosis which have led to dramatically reduced disease prevalence

