

Professor Bernard Tuch Appointed Member of the Order of Australia

Director of the Foundation's diabetes cell-therapy research recognised for service to endocrinology and medical research.



Insignia of a Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

The Australian Foundation for Diabetes Research is proud to announce that **Professor Bernard Edward Tuch**, our Director for encapsulated cell therapies for insulin-dependent diabetes, has been appointed a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** in the King's Birthday 2026 Honours, announced on 8 June 2026.

The citation recognises Professor Tuch "*for significant service to endocrinology, and to medical research.*"

A career dedicated to diabetes research

Professor Tuch has led the Foundation's work pursuing encapsulated cell therapies for insulin-dependent diabetes since 2014. His broader career spans more than three decades at the forefront of endocrinology and regenerative medicine, including:

- Director of the Diabetes Transplant Unit at Prince of Wales Hospital (1991-2009) and the University of New South Wales
- Project Leader of the Diabetes Therapy Project at CSIRO (2010-2014)
- Member of the Professional Advisory Panel, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Australia (2004-2012)
- Co-Founder and Chair of the New South Wales Stem Cell Network (2002-2022, 2023), where he helped drive the passage of embryonic stem cell legislation in Parliament
- Chairman and later CEO of Living Cell Technologies (2002-2022)
- Adjunct Professor at Monash University since 2012, and Honorary Professor at the

University of Sydney (2014–2021)

Professor Tuch's honour reflects decades of contribution not only to diabetes research but to the wider fields of stem cell science and endocrinology in Australia. The Foundation congratulates him on this well-deserved recognition.