



Dr Michael Clifford Wright

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Curriculum Vitae of Dr Michael Clifford Wright

I am a general practitioner (GP), company director, health economics and health services researcher, with a range of clinical, organisational and governance skills.

My vision is to improve the performance and sustainability of the Australian health system through improved funding and health system reform, focusing on the strengthening and better integration of general practice and primary care into the broader health system. I achieve this by combining clinical practice with robust research and through strong collaboration and advocacy with health providers, policy makers and funders.

I have worked as a GP in Australia and England, in urban and remote settings, including with Aboriginal and culturally diverse populations. I have been a practice owner, salaried GP, contractor and GP registrar. I am an experienced researcher, having completed my PhD in health economics in 2019, and have been published in Australian and international medical literature. My PhD thesis investigated the potential impact of continuity of general practice care on health outcomes, focusing on cancer screening. My current appointments as of July 2024

- GP, Woollahra Doctors
- Chief Medical Officer, Avant Mutual
- Chair, Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN),
- Chair, RACGP Expert Committee for Funding and Health System Reform,
- Deputy Chair of the RACGP NSW/ACT Faculty Council,
- Associate Professor, Centre for Future Health Systems, University of New South Wales
- Clinical Associate Professor, University of Sydney School of Medicine
- Research Fellow, Centre for Health Economics and Research Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney
- Member, AIHW Primary Healthcare Advisory Committee
- Chief Executive Officer, Avant Foundation
- Board member, General Practice East Sydney
- Chair, Working Group, Review of RACGP's Vision for General Practice

QUALIFICATIONS

2019	PHD – Health Economics- Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
2012	MSC – Public Health – Health Economics, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, England
2001	FRACGP – Fellow of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
2008	Graduate – Company Directors Course, Australian Institute of Company Directors
1995	MBBS – University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan 2022- present	Chief Medical Officer, Avant Mutual Sydney, Australia, I work three days a week as the Chief Medical Officer at Avant Mutual, Australia's largest medical indemnity provider. In this role, I represent the voice of doctors on the Executive Team, and head the Advocacy Education and Research Division at Avant.
Dec 2015 – Present	General Practitioner Woollahra Drs, Sydney, Australia. I currently work part time in a 3 doctor practice in Sydney. We provide high quality care to a broad range of patients, including a large paediatric population, antenatal care, and patients with chronic and complex conditions.

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- June 2024-present **Associate Professor, Centre for Future Health Systems, UNSW**
Member of newly established research team investigating health system design, impacts of health policy and solutions based models of care and incentives supportive of health system sustainability.
- August 2018 – present (previously June 2014-May 2015) **Research Fellow- CHERE- UTS**
I am Research Fellow in this multidisciplinary health policy and health economics research unit, where I also completed my PhD research. My work focuses on quantitative analysis of linked health data and had led to publication and conference presentations to clinical, health funder, and health economics audiences (detailed below)
- Feb 2014 – Dec 2015 **General Practitioner- HealthScope salaried GP**
Sans Souci General Practice & Broadway General Practice, Sydney, Australia
- Nov 2013- Dec 2016 **Clinical Director- National Home Doctor Service**
Sydney clinical and medical director- Oversight of >50 doctors working in after-hours environment –including performance management, dealing with complaints, compliance issues. Achievements include developing clinical governance framework and mentoring/education scheme implemented nationally.
- Jun 2012 – Oct 2013 **General Practitioner- NHS Salaried GP**
Greenbrook Healthcare, Surrey and Hounslow, United Kingdom
- Jul 2012 – Jul 2013 **General Practitioner- After hours**
Harmoni Medical, Surrey, United Kingdom
- Sep 2011 – Jan 2013 **General Practitioner- Private GP**
Roodlane Medical, London, United Kingdom
- Dec 2010 – Nov 2011 **Medical Retrieval Doctor**
AXA Emergency Assistance, Redhill, United Kingdom
- 2001 – 2010 **Medical Practitioner, General practice partner, and general practice owner**
Evandale Medical Centre, Sorrento, Queensland, Australia
- Jul 1998- Jun 2001 **General Practice Registrar Training**
Evandale Medical Centre, Sorrento, Queensland
Toowong Medical Centre, Toowong, Queensland
Excelsior Rd Medical Centre, Gympie, Queensland
- 1997 – 1998 **House Officer, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Qld**
Hospital based medical and surgical terms, Relief Medical superintendent and rural locum positions conducted throughout Queensland

Selected APPOINTMENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- June 2024- Present **Associate Professor, Centre for Future Health Systems, University of New South Wales**
- Jan 2022- Present **Clinical Associate Professor, Sydney University Medical School**
- Sept 2018 – Present **Chair, RACGP Expert Committee, Funding and Health System Reform, (previously Committee Member, Advocacy and Funding Committee Jan 2014- Sept 2018)**
- 3 year appointment as Chair of Strategic advisory group assisting RACGP with policy direction relating to primary care workforce and financing issues
 - Leading evidence gathering and establishment of RACGP's Health of the Nation survey and revision of RACGP's Vision for General Practice and a Sustainable Health System
 - Collaboration with multidisciplinary team assisting policy direction for RACGP
- Dec 2017 – Present **Chair, Board of Directors, Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN)**
- Chair of Board of health network commissioning services and providing support to primary health care workers and 1.5 million residents of Central and East Sydney
 - Strategic role identifying organisation priorities, primary care advocacy, and monitoring compliance and performance with funders and members.

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Nov 2019	Visiting Scholar, Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care, Washington DC, USA
Oct 2018 – Jan 2019	Member, Health Ministers’s Expert Advisory Group on Primary Care Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Health ministerial appointment as independent member of advisory group providing policy advice to strengthen funding for primary care- Options provided to Health minister and evaluated by Department of Health
Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Participant RACGP Future Leaders Program
Jun 2016 – Present	Board member, NSW/ACT RACGP State Faculty (Deputy Chair since October 2017)
2015 – Nov 2017	Clinical Council Chair, Central and East Sydney Primary Health Network (CESPHN)
August 2017	Winner- 3 minute thesis competition, UTS Business School
April 2015- Dec 2015	Committee Member, Primary Health Care Advisory Group, Canberra, Australia - Federal Health Department appointment -committee examining reforms to Australian health system to better meet the needs of patients with chronic and complex health conditions. Report delivered on time, and recommendations endorsed by Health Minister
2015	Australian New Zealand Health Policy Fellow
2011 – 2014	Leadership Associate, The King’s Fund, London, United Kingdom
2011 – 2015	Visiting Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
2006 – 2009	President, Board of Directors, General Practice Gold Coast (formerly Gold Coast Division of General Practice (previously Treasurer and board member)
2006 – 2009	Associate Professor, Bond University Medical Program
2006 – 2009	Senior Lecturer and Clinical Tutor, Griffith University Medical School

Selected PUBLICATIONS

Schultz T, Zhou M, Gray J, Roseleur J, Clark R, Mordaunt DA, Hibbert PD, Haysom G, and **Wright M**. Patient characteristics of, and remedial interventions for, complaints and medico-legal claims against doctors: a rapid review of the literature. *Systematic Reviews* 2024; 13(1); 104 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-024-02501-8>

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Selected CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 The Future of Medicare. Resaerch Informed Policy for Better Access and Health, Canberra
Will strengthening primary care strengthen the whole health system? What evidence do we need?
- 2023 World Family Doctors Conference/GP23 Sydney, Australia
Funding reform in general practice. What have we learnt and what do we need to do
- 2023 North American Primary Care Research Group, San Francisco, California, USA
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial viability of primary care practices
- 2021 Keynote speaker, Australian Healthcare Week, Sydney NSW
The Future of General Practice
- 2020 Invited speaker. 5th International Health Care Reform Conference
Medical Colleges Supporting Health system Reform
- 2020 Society of Academic Primary Conference, Leeds, United Kingdom
How to measure the strengthening of primary care?
- 2019 North American Primary Care Research Conference, Toronto, Canada.
The impact of general practice continuity of care on cancer screening
- 2019 GP19 RACGP Annual Conference, Adelaide, Australia
The RACGP Vision for General Practice and a Sustainable Health System.
- 2018 Keynote speaker, Australian Physiotherapy Association Leaders Conference, Hobart, Tasmania
Lessons learnt in Australian Health Reform
- 2018 GP18 RACGP National Scientific Meeting, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
The relationship between continuity of care and cervical cancer screening.
- 2018 Australian Health Economics Society Conference, Hobart, Tasmania Australia
The relationship between continuity of care and cervical cancer screening
- 2016 International Conference on Integrated Care, Barcelona, Spain.
Discontinuity in Australian general practice
- 2016 GP16 RACGP National Scientific Meeting, Perth, WA, Australia
Changing continuity of care in Australian general practice.
- 2015 International Health Economics Association Conference, Milan, Italy.
Changing continuity of care in Australian general practice.

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MEMBERSHIPS

Australian Institute of Company Directors
Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Australian Medical Association (AMA)
World Organization of Family Doctors
General Medical Council (UK)
North American Primary Care Research Group

Health Services Research Association of Australia
and New Zealand (HSRAANZ)
Australian Association of Academic Primary Care
(AAAPC)
General Practice East Sydney (GPES)
Australian Health Economics Society (AHES)

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