

Rotary District 9685 Vocational Excellence Awards 2022

Professor Dominic Dwyer

Professor Dominic Dwyer is the Director of NSW Health Pathology's, Public Health Pathology, and is the Director of NSW Health Pathology's Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research at Westmead Hospital.

Prof Dwyer trained in microbiology (virology and infectious diseases) at Westmead Hospital's Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research in 1986, and became a medical microbiologist in 1997. During his infectious diseases training he visited hospitals in northern India in 1986 on a Rotary Group Study Exchange.

He undertook postgraduate research in HIV/AIDS at the Institute Pasteur in Paris, France, as a Rotary International Vocational Study scholar in 1987.

In 2009, Professor Dwyer was appointed Director and Senior Medical Virologist for NSW Health Pathology's Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Laboratory Services.

He worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) during the SARS outbreak in China in 2003, and was a member of the WHO Joint Mission on the Origins of SARS-CoV-2 in Wuhan, China in 2021.

Prof Dwyer led the public health pathology approach for NSW Health during the COVID-19 pandemic, fronting the media on many occasions providing informative updates.

Amongst his many awards and professional memberships, in 2021 he was awarded a 'Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite' by the French Government for COVID-19 work, and in the Australia Day honours 2022 he received the Australian Government 'Public Service Medal'.

Rotary District 9685 is honoured to recognise Prof Dwyer with a 2022 District Vocational Excellence Award.