

Short Biosketch of Professor George Werther

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George Werther graduated from The University of Melbourne and undertook paediatric training at The Royal Children's Hospital before spending time in Oxford, Cincinnati and Stanford, where he undertook training and laboratory research in diabetes and growth disorders. He has been a senior clinician/researcher at the RCH and Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) since 1983, and became Director of the Department of Endocrinology in 1999. He established the Centre for Hormone Research in 1991, within MCRI. He has played a leading role in Australian growth programs and research activities, both in the clinic and in the laboratory. His NHMRC-funded laboratory research in the field of insulin-like growth factors also resulted in the commercial development of 'antisense' molecular inhibitors of growth, now being developed in the ASX-listed company Antisense Therapeutics, of which he is a Board Director. His current laboratory research focuses on the critical role of the IGF system in both cancer and metabolism in early life, with implications for adult disease. He has trained a number of leading Australian and international paediatric endocrinologists.

Professor George Werther is also a committee member of the training and Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) in Paediatric Endocrinology of the Australasia Paediatric Endocrine Group which is responsible for formulating and liaison with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) regarding the requirements for training, assessment and accreditation.