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He established a full-time career in medical research in 1999, received his PhD in 2001 and then maintained an academic faculty appointment in Boston University amongst the foremost OA clinical researchers. He returned to Australia in 2010.

His research is focused on a number of key elements in OA including (but not limited to) the epidemiology of osteoarthritis, the application of imaging to better understand structure and function with application to both epidemiologic research and clinical trials, novel therapies in disease management and health service system delivery of chronic disease management.

He is currently a board member of the International Osteoarthritis Research Society and an editor for leading international journals in his field. He has authored books on osteoarthritis and has over 250 publications in peer reviewed journals.