

Professor Rod Hicks



Rod is a Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne and until recently was the Director of the Centre for Molecular Imaging and Therapeutic Nuclear Medicine at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia. Peter Mac installed the first PET/CT outside Europe and North America in 2001. The PET facility, founded by him in 1996, now has 4 PET/CT devices and performs over 9,500 scans per year. He has pioneered the use of PET and PET/CT in the assessment of cancer and has introduced a number of novel PET tracers into clinical practice in Australia. Within the Sir Peter MacCallum Department of Oncology of the University of Melbourne, he runs a laboratory with a strong focus on translational research, genomics of rare cancers, and drug development. He is actively involved in the therapeutic nuclear medicine, especially for the treatment of neuroendocrine tumours, having first established peptide receptor radionuclide therapy (PRRT) in Australia in 1996.

The Neuroendocrine Service, of which he is Co-Chair, was certified as a European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society Centre of Excellence in 2018, the first to be granted beyond Europe. His group has been active in the clinical development of prostate cancer theranostics. He has published over 500 peer-reviewed articles with over 28,000 lifetime citations and more than 20 book chapters. He holds numerous national and international research grants and is Editor-in-Chief of *Cancer Imaging* and International Associate Editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* as well as serving on 6 other editorial boards including *Endocrine-Related Cancer*.

He was inducted as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science in 2015. He has previously been the Convener of the Theranostics World Congress in 2016 and the Asia-Pacific Neuroendocrine Society Meeting in 2018.

Rod serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of ENETS and as an Honorary Director of the Neuroendocrine Cancer Australia Foundation, which supports patients with neuroendocrine neoplasia through advocacy and research funding.

He was the recipient of the 2019 International Cancer Imaging Society Gold Medal. In 2021, he received the Peter E Valk Memorial Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine for lifetime services to clinical PET and will deliver the Marie Curie Plenary Lecture at the European Association of Nuclear Medicine Congress.

