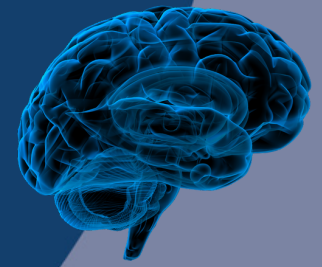


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Speaker profiles



Professor Mark Fitzgerald

Director of the National Trauma Research Institute and Director of Trauma Services at The Alfred



Professor Mark Fitzgerald is Director of the National Trauma Research Institute and Director of Trauma Services at The Alfred. His qualifications are MBBS, University of Melbourne (1981); Fellowship, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (1987); MD (Research) for 'Computer-Aided Decision Support for Trauma Reception and Resuscitation' Monash University (2015); and Graduate Certificate in Internet Communications, Curtin University (2019).

Professor Fitzgerald was a Global Clinical Scholar (Epidemiology and Biostatistics), Harvard Medical School (2014-15).

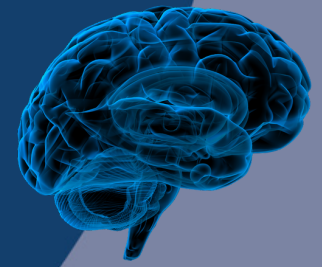
Professor Fitzgerald has been an Ambulance Victoria Medical Advisor since 1989 and is a member of the Victorian State Trauma Committee. He was awarded the Ambulance Service Medal (ASM), Australia Day Honours (2003); the Foundation Medal, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (2003), Honorary Life Membership of the Neurotrauma Society of India (2010); and the Gordon Trinca Medal, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (2013).

Professor Fitzgerald has led the establishment of trauma reception, resuscitation and management programs along with Trauma Systems development in Australia, China, India, Myanmar, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka. He is co-chair of the Australian New Zealand Trauma Registry.

Professor Fitzgerald's research themes include trauma systems development, clinical care of the severely injured, error reduction and the standardisation of resuscitation care. The development of semi-automated, computer-assisted resuscitation is a career goal. He has delivered 180 major presentations, 243 publications in peer-review journals, 12 book chapters and is a reviewer for multiple medical and surgical journals.

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Dr Adam Wells, FRACS **Neurosurgeon**



Dr Adam Wells is an Adelaide Neurosurgeon with interests in brain tumours and traumatic brain injury. He graduated from the University of Adelaide Medical School in 2003 with First Class Honours.

Dr Wells commenced his advanced Neurosurgical training in 2008, and has worked in Adelaide, Hobart, Perth and the United Kingdom. In 2014 he gained his PhD from the University of Adelaide for his original research into ischaemic stroke and was awarded the prestigious Peter Leech Memorial Prize and the Nimmo Prize for full-time research.

In 2017 Dr Wells was the clinical Neurotrauma Fellow at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge University under the supervision of world-renowned Neurotrauma expert Professor Peter Hutchinson.

Since returning to South Australia in 2018 Dr Wells has been appointed as Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Adelaide, Clinical Academic Consultant Neurosurgeon at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, and Visiting Medical Officer at St Andrew's Private Hospital. He is currently the Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellow of the Neurosurgical Research Foundation and the lead for Neurosurgical Research at the University of Adelaide.

Associate Professor Rowena Mobbs, FRACS **Neurologist**

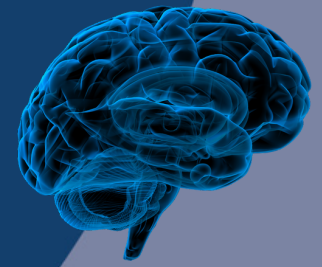


Associate Professor Rowena Mobbs is a clinical neurologist Director of Harbour Neurology, and VMO at Mater Hospital Sydney, working in the field of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) and other dementia subtypes.

As an advocate she presented alongside her patient and rugby league legend Wally Lewis AM at the National Press Club, resulting in a \$12.5 million investment by the Federal Government to "tackle CTE". She is a collaborator with Dementia Australia, and chief medical advisor to ConneCTers Australia. Her research at the Queensland Brain Institute is aimed at biomarker discovery and clinical management in traumatic encephalopathy syndrome.

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Associate Professor Daniel Ellis
Director of Trauma, Royal Adelaide Hospital



Associate Professor Daniel Ellis is the Director of Trauma at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Co-Chair of the Statewide South Australian Trauma System.

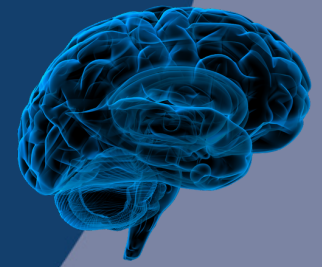
He was previously Clinical Director of MedSTAR – the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service. As well as the Trauma role, he also works as a Pre-Hospital & Retrieval consultant with MedSTAR, as an Intensivist in Calvary healthcare and as a consultant in the Royal Adelaide Emergency Department.

Dan has worked in critical care in Australia and the UK for 25 years. He is involved in an extensive portfolio of Trauma Research and has just published the 2nd Edition of his textbook in Pre-hospital and Retrieval Medicine.

He holds Academic appointments with University of Adelaide, Flinders University and James Cook University, Queensland.

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Nicole Kelly

Trauma Service Nursing Director, Royal Adelaide Hospital



Nicole Kelly is the Trauma Service Nursing Director at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (CALHN) and Co-Lead of the South Australian Trauma System.

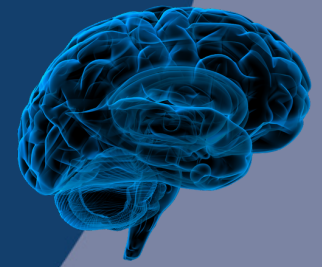
With more than 23 years experience in emergency and trauma nursing, Nicole's leadership includes roles as Board Director for both the Australian and New Zealand Trauma Society (ANZTS) and ANZTR Trauma Registry, and active involvement with the College of Emergency Nurses Australasia (CENA) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Trauma Committee.

She is a Senior EMST Coordinator and also a member of the RACS Trauma Verification Review Team. Nicole has contributed to quality improvement across trauma services, notably leading the development of the Trauma Nurse Case Manager role and models of care in SA, as well as coordinating the Statewide Trauma Verification Project. Her expertise encompasses operational and strategic management, injury surveillance, education and system performance.

In 2024, Nicole received the SA Nursing Midwifery Award for Excellence in Leadership and Governance, reflecting her dedication to advancing trauma care through collaboration, quality improvement, and injury prevention.

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Kellie Liersch

Trauma Clinical Nurse Consultant



Kellie has an extensive nursing career with majority of her time working across various areas at The Royal Melbourne Hospital such as Orthopaedics, Reconstructive Plastics and Head and Neck Oncology and as a Clinical Nurse Educator. The last 10 years has seen Kellie working as a Trauma Clinical Nurse Consultant.

As Trauma CNC, Kellie has expertise in trauma clinical practice, leadership and evidence-based trauma nursing. She works with the medical, nursing and multi-disciplinary team to manage all clinical aspects of patient trauma care from admission to discharge. Kellie remains passionate about trauma education, teaching and mentoring the next generation of nurses to develop and maintain high standards of trauma healthcare.

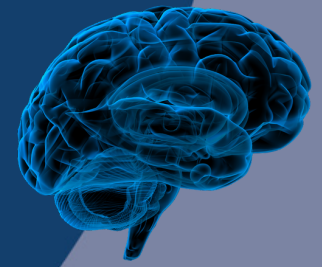
Kellie extends her trauma education and coordination roles in facilitating the P.A.R.T.Y program for young offenders at RMH and is an EMST coordinator.

Kellie is a study coordinator for research trials including PATCH and FEISTY II and is involved in quality improvement activities to cover all aspects of trauma care including writing and reviewing trauma guidelines. Kellie has published a report “Prevalence and Risk factors of constipation in trauma patients: A prospective cohort study” in Journal of Trauma Nursing, 2024.

Kellie was recognised at the 2025 Excellence in Nursing Wards and was the recipient of the RMH Nurse of the Year- Clinical award for her work and passion in caring for patients with Traumatic Brain Injury.

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Clinical Associate Professor Meredith Thomas

Unit Head, Emergency and Trauma Imaging at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Clinical Director, Everlight Radiology



Meredith Thomas is Unit Head, Emergency and Trauma Imaging, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and a Clinical Director at Everlight Radiology.

After working in General Practice and as an Emergency clinician for 10 years, she completed radiology training in South Australia, with fellowships in MRI and Women's Imaging. She is a general radiologist, with particular interests in emergency and trauma radiology, medical administration and medical education.

She has Masters degrees in Medical Administration and Health Professions Education and is a Past Chief Censor of RANZCR and an Associate Fellow of the College of Medical Administration. She is a founding and Executive Member of the Australia and New Zealand Emergency Radiology Group.

Tania Straga

Principal orthoptist at Adelaide Eye Therapy in Dulwich



Tania is an experienced orthoptist, having worked in both public and private practice over the last 22 years. She has extensive experience in both paediatric and adult eye movement problems, and is passionate about providing a goal focused, patient centred approach.

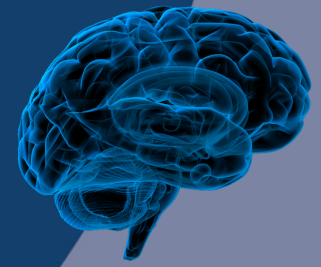
She has a special interest in strabismus, eye movement, eye coordination, concussion, and brain injury related eye problems.

She works with patients to improve their overall binocular vision control, which can aid in improving symptoms of headache, eyestrain, dizziness, double vision, and disequilibrium. Tania works closely with ophthalmologists, neurologists, neurophysiotherapists and rehabilitation consultants to optimise patient outcomes in the longer term.

Tania is the principal orthoptist at Adelaide Eye Therapy in Dulwich, and she has a public appointment at the Modbury Hospital. She has volunteered with Sight for All, in the area of training of orthoptists in developing countries.

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David Maddocks

Lawyer and clinical neuropsychologist



David has been practising as a lawyer in medical law for over 25 years. In 1996, he won the Supreme Court Exhibition Prize for his Honours Thesis on serious injury claims in Victoria. He is co-Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) Sports Law Committee. He is an LIV accredited specialist lawyer in personal injury. He is a Director on the Board of Cricket Australia.

As a clinical neuropsychologist, he worked in the brain injury rehabilitation unit at the Epworth Hospital for many years dealing with predominately motor vehicle accident victims.

He commenced research into the neuropsychological effects of concussion in sport in the mid-1980's. In 1996, he completed a Ph.D. (Medicine), from the University of Melbourne, investigating the cognitive effects and recovery after concussion in Australian Rules footballers. Aspects of his research have been adopted by international sporting organisations and incorporated into the various editions of the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT). He has been a co-author of International Consensus Statements on Concussion in Sport.

Dr Terry Nash

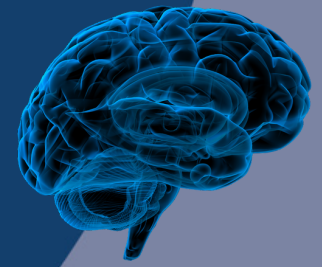


Dr Terry Nash a clinician-researcher dedicated to improving emergency care for people living in residential aged care, delivering hospital-equivalent responses that prioritise dignity, comfort, and clinical appropriateness. Working across the Princess Alexandra Hospital Emergency Department and as Director of CAREPACT, Terry supports rapid assessment and outreach models that reduce unnecessary hospital transfers.

Their research focuses on system design, cognitive vulnerability, and supported decision-making to improve outcomes for frail older adults. With a commitment to integrated care, Terry bridges emergency medicine, palliative care, and aged care to ensure responses align with what matters most to the person.

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Anne Gatley

Senior Speech Pathologist, Royal Adelaide Hospital



Anne is a Senior Speech Pathologist with the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) in the areas of Critical Care, Trauma and Surgical Specialities.

Over the past decade, Anne has been instrumental in the establishment and development of the Post Traumatic Amnesia (PTA) service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Her work has ensured that this vulnerable patient population are discharged safely and linked with crucial rehabilitative and follow up services.

With extensive experience in acute and critical care of Neurosurgical and Trauma populations, Anne's recognised expertise in the assessment and management of mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) has cemented her role in the RAH Trauma Service. As the primary Allied Health representative on the Trauma Committee, Anne contributes to complex case management and audits, and delivers education and training to rotating medical staff. In 2023 Anne was awarded a Leadership Award in the CALHN Allied Health Excellence Awards for her work within the trauma service.

Beyond mTBI, Anne provides clinical leadership within the CALHN Speech Pathology Department with senior oversight for the Critical Care, Trauma and Surgical Specialities team. She provides training for junior clinicians to achieve extended competency in the areas of tracheostomy management and fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES).

Anne actively manages the RAH data for the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, benchmarking CALHN's tracheostomy practices against internationally recognised standard. She is a regular guest lecturer for the Adelaide University MBBS program, educating the next generation of doctors about the key role of Allied Health and multidisciplinary practices.