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Professor David Le Couteur is a clinical pharmacologist and geriatrician, currently Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Sydney, Director of the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing (CERA), Director of the Biogerontology Laboratory of the ANZAC Research Institute and Senior Staff Specialist Physician in Geriatric Medicine at the Concord Repatriation General Hospital in Sydney.



He has directed CERA since 2001 which is a large multidisciplinary ageing research organization and a collaborative centre of the International Association for Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG). His research is translational gerontology, spanning from biogerontology (nutrition, liver pharmacology and physiology, liver endothelium and ageing); clinical research (geriatric pharmacology and the application of evidence based medicine to older people) and pharmacoepidemiology.

He was president of the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT 2011-2013) and is Secretary of the Clinical Division of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR). He served on several Australian Federal medicines committees: the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee, and is now a member of the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines. He has served on several education and training committees in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and is a board member of the Australian Medicines Handbook. He was recipient of the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics 2013 William B Abrams award for contribution to geriatric clinical pharmacology and has recently co-authored the chapter on the biology of ageing in Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine (19th Edition). Academic metrics include more than 250 publications and chapters, 17 Australian NHMRC research grants and 31 post-graduate research students