



**Sharon Lewin**  
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Professor Sharon Lewin is an infectious diseases physician and basic scientist, and has worked in HIV-related clinical medicine and research for over 25 years. She is the director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, a joint venture of the University of Melbourne and Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. The Doherty Institute has over 700 staff and is a world-class institute combining research with teaching excellence, reference laboratory diagnostic services, public health and clinical services, and has a significant focus on virology including HIV infection. She is an active clinician, working at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Lewin is internationally recognised for her expertise in the field of HIV cure, HIV-hepatitis B virus (HBV) co-infection and immune recovery post ART. She leads a large group focused on basic and translational science and early phase clinical trials for cure interventions. She also works with researchers in Thailand on HIV-HBV co-infection and in Malaysia on immune restoration post ART. She has over 250 publications, predominately related to HIV cure and understanding HIV disease and related co-infections including HBV, cryptococcal infection and cytomegalovirus. She is one of four editors for the journal AIDS and on the editorial board of Lancet HIV.

She has been involved with the International AIDS Society (IAS) as a member since 2007, when she was deputy chair of the 4th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention held in Sydney, Australia. She was the local co-chair for the 20th International AIDS Conference held in Melbourne in 2014. As local Co-Chair, she was able to leverage significant in-kind and financial support from the Australian and Victorian Governments and the city of Melbourne. Together with her Australian colleagues, she led several significant advocacy programs in relation to AIDS 2014 which resulted in every Australian state health minister signing a declaration to see the end of new HIV infections in Australia by 2020. She is the key opinion leader for Melbourne as a UNAIDS Fast Track City. She also co-chairs the advisory board for the IAS Towards an HIV Cure initiative. Together with Professor Steve Deeks, she co-chairs the annual IAS workshop in HIV cure and played an active role in the development of the IAS Towards an HIV Cure Scientific Strategy in 2012 and in 2016.

Her work in HIV has been recognised with the following major awards:

- Melburnian of the Year (2014), awarded to an inspirational role model who has made an outstanding contribution to the city in their chosen field as well as a significant contribution to the Melbourne community.
- Peter Wills Medal (2015), awarded by Research Australia recognising an Australian who has made an outstanding contribution to building Australia's international reputation in the area of health and medical research, and fostering collaboration for better health.

She is a member of the council of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of Australia, the peak funding body for medical research in Australia and chairs the NHMRC's Health Translation Advisory Committee. She is a member of the governing board of the International Coalition for the Elimination of Hepatitis B virus (ICE-HBV) and a member of the leadership committee of the Global Virology Network. She was previously President of the Australian Society for HIV Medicine. She is a member of the Strategic Technical Advisory Committee to the Director, HIV Program, World Health Organisation, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board to the director of UNAIDS.