



“30 years of Collaborative Research in Critical Care - where to from here?”

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**Robert Smith Critical Care – Friday 20 October,
8:00am to 12:00pm Lecture Theatre, Level 1 WCHRE,
Sunshine Hospital**

Professor Craig French is a specialist Intensive Care Physician and Anaesthetist. He is the Director of Intensive Care at Western Health, and holds an honorary Clinical Professor Appointment with the Department of Critical Care at The University of Melbourne; and an adjunct staff appointment (& member of the board) at the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre (ANZIC-RC).

In addition, he is a Past Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group (ANZICS CTG). He has served on many other clinical advisory boards and committees including the National Blood Authority, as well as numerous appointments on individual clinical trial management and steering committees.

Professor French has been named one of Australia’s top researchers in The Australian’s 2021 Research Magazine in recognition of his outstanding commitment to critical care research.

Professor French is a past recipient of the Peter Schiff Award (2016) for the Australian and New Zealand Society of blood transfusion and has been part of a team to receive >\$2.3 million in NHMRC funding to establish a Centre for Research Excellence for patient blood management in critical illness and trauma.

He is currently Chief Investigator for the EPO-TRAUMA Trial: Erythropoietin alfa to prevent mortality and reduce severe disability in critically ill TRAUMA patients which has received a \$3.5million MRFF Grant funded in 2020, of which he has just spent time spruiking for recruitment amongst European Intensive Care Units during his recent sabbatical.

Not only has Prof French continued to focus on conducting large scale multi-centre research projects, whose findings have substantially improved health outcomes for critical care patients, he has continued to strive for clinical excellence as Western Health’s Director of Intensive Care. He has been instrumental in embedding a strong culture of research at Western Health, as well as steadily building up the research capability within Critical Care.

