

Australian stem cell expert honoured in Singapore Prof. John Rasko named Visiting Academician by Academy of Medicine

One of Australia's best known Pathologists and stem cell researchers, Professor John Rasko, has been honoured by the Academy of Medicine of Singapore with the title of Visiting Academician.

Professor Rasko, a Fellow of the [Royal College of Pathologists Australasia \(RCPA\)](#) is the foundation Director of the Department of Cell and Molecular Therapies at Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He also leads the Gene and Stem Cell Therapy program at the University of Sydney's Centenary Institute.

Professor Rasko says his visit to Singapore earlier this month gave him the opportunity to meet local pathologists working in the same field.

"Being named Visiting Academician gives me more opportunities to share current research findings with medical professionals in Singapore, particularly the latest findings in stem cell research," says Professor Rasko.

A number of professional bodies in Singapore will benefit from Professor Rasko's research, including the Academy of Medicine, the organisation that awarded the honour of Visiting Academician.

The author of numerous medical research papers and publications, Professor Rasko is widely acknowledged as a great communicator of medical research.

"The sharing of knowledge is vital if we are to overcome diseases. My aim as a clinical haematologist is to work with colleagues to cure serious diseases using the platform technologies of gene therapy and adult stem cells.

Professor Rasko's award in Singapore has been followed up with a speaking tour in Hong Kong as the RCPA visiting Professor for 2010.

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