

Committee:	National Committee for Medicine and Public Health
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Chair:	Professor Bronwyn Kingwell
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Purpose	<p>1.To connect the Academy to health and medical research bodies and scientists in Australia to promote the development of the discipline;</p> <p>2. To link Australian health and medical science to world science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations to ensure that Australia has a voice and a role in the global development of the disciplines;</p> <p>4. To provide strategic medical research and health policy advice, to the Academy, as input to Academy science policy statements, and (with the approval of the Executive Committee of Council) to the Australian Government and Australian organisations.</p>
Description and objectives	<p>The NC Medicine and Public Health is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee are to foster health and medical sciences in Australia and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas medical scientists.</p> <p>Specific objective: Development of Academy to national/international policy debate on medical research and health policy issues. Issues of particular importance include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding - Workforce / career development - Equity issues - Research conduct / integrity
Coverage	Clinical and public health research.
Linked international organisations	N/A
Key connected organisations	<p>Links to other National Committees: Biomedical Sciences, Nutrition, Cellular and Developmental Biology.</p> <p>Australian Societies and Organisations: Australian Society for Medical Research, Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI), Research Australia, Anatomical Society of Australia and New Zealand, Audiological Society of Australia, Australian Physiological and Pharmacological Society, Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Australian Society for Microbiology, Australian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists, Australian Society of Neurologists, Society of Reproductive Biology, Endocrine Society of Australia, Haematology Society of Australia.</p> <p>International Organisations: Interacademy Medical Panel (IAMP).</p>

Key outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved committees structure and membership (annual); 2. Approved annual report (annual); 3. Contribute to health and medical research policy development and communicate the importance of enabling disciplines (eg physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, physics); 4. Provide advice to the Academy regarding the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP); 5. Engagement with the relevant Australian societies and national committees on issues of common interest; 6. In conjunction with the NC Biomedical Sciences, assist the Academy by short-listing the applicants for the 2014 Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Lindau. 7. Assisting the Academy with identifying nominees for awards and travel scholarships when requested, in particular identifying and nominating attendees for the 2014 HOPE Meeting in Japan.
Indicative budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$3000 per annum for meetings provided by AAS
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