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Professor Vaughan Carr is a Professor of Psychiatry and Chair of Schizophrenia Epidemiology at The University of New South Wales, and a consultant psychiatrist at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne.

With more than 220 publications, Prof Carr's research interests include schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, depression, post-traumatic stress, mental health care delivery in general practice, child psychiatry, cognitive neuroscience, genetics, mental health service evaluation, epidemiology, alcohol and drug abuse, psychotherapy and health economics.

In 2011, Prof Carr co-investigated a genomics study of bipolar and schizophrenia as part of the Psychiatric Genome-Wide Association Study Consortium (PGC). He is currently the lead investigator of a national schizophrenia research bio-bank involving genetic epidemiology and neuroimaging.

Graduating in medicine from the University of Adelaide in 1972, he received his training in psychiatry at the University of Rochester and Yale University, USA (1974-1980). The professor's previous appointments include Director, Hunter New England Mental Health Services, and Scientific Director and later CEO of the Schizophrenia Research Institute.

Prof Carr is supporting the *Australian Genetics of Bipolar Disorder Study* – a ground-breaking international collaboration exploring the genetic risk factors associated with the illness, and how genes influence one's response to treatment.

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