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## **Internationally-recognised diabetes expert appointed to DA–Vic Board**

Leading endocrinologist and diabetes expert Professor Peter Colman has been reappointed to the Diabetes Australia – Vic Board of Directors.

Prof Colman was previously a member of the DA–Vic Board from 1991 to 1998.

Professor Colman MBBS, MD, FRACP has published over 180 peer-reviewed papers in the fields of T1D prediction and prevention, diabetes care and general endocrinology, but his major research interest is autoimmune endocrine disease, in particular type 1 diabetes prediction and prevention.

DA–Vic CEO: Craig Bennett said he was delighted with the appointment. “Peter is a leader in the field of diabetes – not only here in Victoria, but internationally. We are delighted that he will bring his deep knowledge and passion to our organisation, to help shape the work we do to reduce the impact of diabetes.”

Professor Colman has established a number of large cohort studies which have resulted in major contributions to our understanding of the natural history of type 1 diabetes with the Melbourne Pre-diabetes Family Study and the Australian Baby Diab Study. Professor Colman was Chair of the group that developed the National Evidence-Based Guidelines on Prevention, Identification and Management of Foot Complications in Diabetes (published in 2011) and was a member of the group that developed the first NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Diabetic Retinopathy.

For more information on the DA–Vic Board of Directors, visit [www.diabetesvic.org.au/about-us/board-and-executives/the-board-of-directors](http://www.diabetesvic.org.au/about-us/board-and-executives/the-board-of-directors)

Diabetes Australia – Vic is the leading charity and peak consumer body working to reduce the impact of diabetes.

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