

## Menzies researcher gains national recognition

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Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) Professor Josh Davis has been awarded a Research Excellence Award at the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) annual awards dinner in Canberra.

Prof. Davis received the award as recognition for being the top-ranked Career Development Fellowships application in clinical health research.

Prof Davis, who is a Principal Research Fellow at the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin and an infectious diseases physician at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, says his key area of research interest is severe bacterial infections, with a focus on investigator initiated clinical trials.

"My key areas of research interest are clinical trials in severe infectious diseases, aiming to address the many evidence gaps in clinical management of Staph aureus blood stream infection, bone and joint infections, and severe sepsis.

As a practicing clinician, I am faced with questions every day which I cannot answer – what is the best way to treat this particular infection? How can I maximise this patient's chance of a good outcome?

My research directly addresses these questions and finding experimentally proven answers to them is rewarding. The most exciting moment is, after several years of planning, recruitment and data collection, to finally do the data analysis and find out the results of a clinical trial" said Prof Davis.

Each year, NHMRC recognises excellence in the health and medical research sector by celebrating individual achievements, leadership and exceptional contributions of Australian researchers to their various fields of research.

Prof Davis says he is honestly surprised and humbled to be one of the few researchers to receive this prestigious recognition from the NHMRC, particularly in such a competitive field of outstanding researchers from around Australia.

Read more [https://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our\\_People/Researchers/Josh\\_Davis/](https://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our_People/Researchers/Josh_Davis/)

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frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.