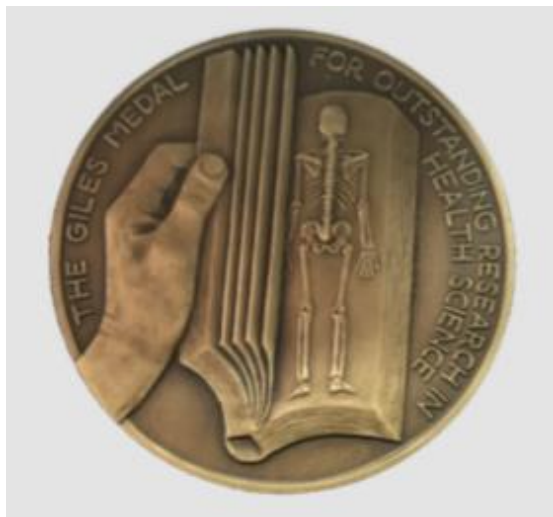


Dr David Cassidy: Inaugural recipient of the Giles Medal for Research Excellence



The Giles Medal for Research Excellence has been established by the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA) in recognition of excellence in healthcare research. This highest and most prestigious award for scientific research is named after the first chiropractor to be awarded a PhD in Australia, Dr Lynton Giles. Dr Giles subsequently went on to make an exceptional contribution to our

understanding of the spine in healthcare through his basic science and clinical research.

The Giles Medal is endorsed by the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC). The nominations for the Giles Medal are reviewed by the Giles Medal scientific advisory committee, chaired by the current Chair of the WFC Research Council, Dr Greg Kawchuk. This international research award is intended to recognise those who achieve excellence in healthcare research. The Giles Medal may be awarded to any person, from any health discipline, based anywhere in the world who has published a body of scientific peer reviewed research that reflects a sustained track record of research excellence of relevance to healthcare and the practice of chiropractic.



The CAA is pleased to announce that Dr Cassidy is to be awarded the Giles medal in October 2017. Dr Cassidy is Professor of Epidemiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, in Canada. After completing his chiropractic training Dr Cassidy completed his PhD in 1994. His initial research was undertaken at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada, under the guidance of Professor Kirkaldy-Willis where he examined the basic mechanisms involved in back pain and the efficacy of spinal manipulation. Over the subsequent 30 years he has published over 250 articles which are identifiable in the US National Library of Medicine records (PubMed) with over 200 articles published in scientific peer reviewed journals of the highest international standing. Notably, he has published over 44 papers in *Spine* ranked 3rd highest among the 113 journals in field of *Medicine - Rehabilitation* listed by the journal ranking authority, SJR (Simago) and over 28 papers in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* which is ranked number 1 in the field of *Chiropractic*.

In addition, Dr Cassidy has published papers with his collaborators in other highly prestigious international journals including *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* (19 papers), *European Spine Journal* and the journal *Pain* and his work has been cited by the internationally recognised *Cochrane Library of health evidence* reflecting the work is of the highest quality.

Dr Cassidy has been awarded a Doctorate in Medical Science in 2005 by the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Sweden for studies in the fields of epidemiology and injury prevention. He is internationally recognised for his research concerning whiplash and its associated disorders and ranked by *Expertscape* (Expertscape.com/ex/neck+pain) as being in the top 10 experts in the world for research concerning neck pain. To further embody the highest international standard of “research of relevance to health care and the practice of chiropractic”

that the awarding of the Giles Medal is intended to recognise and acknowledge, Professor Cassidy has been a mentor to over 65 research higher degree (MSc, PhD) students.

The Chiropractors Association of Australia and the World Federation of Chiropractic take great pride in announcing that Dr David Cassidy is to be the inaugural recipient of the Giles Medal for Research Excellence.