

Citation for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of the University (DUniv)  
Professor Christopher James Baggoley  
BVSc (Hons) *Melbourne*, BMBS *Flinders*, BSocAdmin *Flinders*  
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Professor Christopher James Baggoley is a respected clinician and public health practitioner with a national and international reputation in the field of emergency medicine. Through his multiple roles as a clinician, teacher and senior administrator, Professor Baggoley has become one of the most influential figures in Australian Public Health. In addition to championing the development of postgraduate training in emergency medicine, he has made major contributions to the development of many national public health policies and strategies.

In August 2011 Professor Baggoley was appointed as Australia's Chief Medical Officer and holds the highest position for a medical practitioner in Australia. In this role he has direct responsibility for the Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Health Protection. He is responsible for a range of professional health issues, including health and medical research, public health, medical workforce, quality of care and evidence-based medicine. Prior to this Professor Baggoley was appointed as Chief Executive of the Australia Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, and was Chief Medical Officer and Executive Director of Public Health and Clinical Coordination in the South Australian Department of Health.

Professor Baggoley was in the inaugural BMBS graduating class of Flinders University and has gone on to be a national leader in the profession. He was the first Chair in Emergency Medicine in South Australia and during that period was Chair of the National Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges. Professor Baggoley has been attributed with transforming the body into a force that Government listens to and through this he has informed the vocational training policy debate.

Professor Baggoley has a distinguished career at State, National and International levels. His previous medical positions include Professor-Director of Emergency Medicine at the University of Adelaide and Royal Adelaide Hospital; Director of Emergency Medicine at Flinders Medical Centre; Chair of the Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges; and Chair of the Board of the National Institute of Clinical Studies.

Professor Baggoley has immense standing in the medical community having championed the establishment of postgraduate training in Emergency Medicine and the improvement in the safety and quality of health care.

Professor Baggoley chairs the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, the Expert Panel on the implementation of the access targets under the National Partnership Agreement, the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record Clinical Governance Advisory Group, the Australian Therapeutic Goods Advisory Council and co-chairs the National Cancer Expert Reference Group. He represents Australia on the International Agency for Research in Cancer Government council and is a Council member of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

In addition to his Flinders University Degree in Medicine Professor Baggoley holds a Flinders University Bachelor in Social Administration and an Honours degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Melbourne. Professor Baggoley has been awarded the Order of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine.

Professor Baggoley currently holds an Honorary appointment as a Flinders University Professorial Fellow.

Professor Baggoley is one of Flinders University's most distinguished alumni. His continued role as the Chief Medical Officer in Australia is of direct and ongoing interest to the University.