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Professor Ron Grunstein has been a consultant physician in sleep disorders for over 30 years and a pioneer in improving patient care in sleep medicine in Australia and internationally.

He holds a Leadership Level 3 Investigator Award from the National Health and Medical Research Council 2021-25 and was previously a Senior Principal Research NHMRC Fellow and Professor of Sleep Medicine at the University of Sydney. He heads the Sleep and Circadian Research Group at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research and is a Chief Investigator of two NHMRC Centres of Excellence.

Professor Grunstein has had a distinguished career in medicine domestically, being the first Staff Specialist appointed to a full time position in sleep medicine in Australia in 1988. He was awarded the Australasian Sleep Association Distinguished Achievement Award in 2010, and the Royal Prince Alfred Foundation Medal for Excellence in Medical Research in 2012. In 2014, he received the Distinguished Professor Award from the Sydney Medical School and in 2016 has been awarded the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Research Medal. On Australia Day, 2019, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia "For significant service to medical education and research in the field of sleep disorders". He is also recognised as a world leader in his field, having been the first person outside of North America to win the prestigious Nathaniel Kleitman Distinguishable Service Award from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine in 2011. From 2007-2011, Professor Grunstein served as President of the World Sleep Federation (now known as the World Sleep Society), the roof body for sleep researchers and clinicians internationally organising successful world congresses in Cairns and Kyoto.