Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation

- Founded in 1985 by clinical staff of RPH

- MRF Building
  - Completed in 1993 with funding from RPH clinical staff, UWA, Lotteries WA and individual donors
  - 5 stories occupied by UWA, WAIMR and Curtin University

- Managed by a committee of 14 people from RPH clinical staff, WAIMR and up to 4 people from outside of RPH
MRF support to the RPH Campus (RPH, UWA, WAIMR)

- Competitive grants to individuals for funding of infrastructure, including staff, equipment and accommodation
  - $4.6 million in 2010

- Ad hoc research grants
  - Up to $650,000

- Subsidies of ~1/2 $million to the small animal facility over the last 3 years
MRF support to the RPH Campus (RPH, UWA, WAIMR)

- 2 biostatisticians
- Annual Young Investigators Day
  - Prizes
  - Funding for an overseas or interstate speaker
- Annual best paper award ($2000)
MRF funded research positions

- **Post-doctoral fellowships**
  - Full salary for 3 years plus infrastructure support
  - N=5, with more planned

- **Practitioner fellowships**
  - Facilitate research activity of hospital staff
  - Up to 0.5FTE salary and $50,000 infrastructure support
  - N=5
MRF collaborations with RPH

- $1.7 million to establish Cell and Tissue Therapies WA (from the Dobney bequest)
- $50,000 contribution to a scholarship for an overseas researcher to work at RPH for 2 months
- Annual seeding research grants of up to $17,500, particularly RPH staff
  - $300,000 this year
MRF collaborations with WAIMR

- Research grants to staff of ~$1 million over the last 10 years
- Over $1/2 million in infrastructure support each year
MRF collaborations with UWA

- Establishment of the Dobney Chair in Clinical Research (with HDWA and RPH)
  - First of its type in WA
- Annual Robert Vandongen scholarship
  - To a medical student to conduct a research study at RPH during the summer vacation
Overseas collaborations

- Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce Scholarships
  - Networking with key researchers and research facilities in Israel
Areas of research funded by MRF

- Aboriginal Health
- Burn injuries
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular medicine
- COPD
- Critical care illness
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Infection immunology
- Haematopoiesis
- Mesenchymal stem cell therapy