

## Chris Baggoley

Professor Chris Baggoley was appointed the Australian Government's Chief Medical Officer on 29 August 2011. 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. Professor Baggoley represents the Department of Health and Ageing in key national health committees and medical organisations and has direct responsibility for the Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Health Protection.

Prior to his appointment as the Chief Medical Officer he was the Chief Executive of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, a body whose role is to lead and coordinate the improvements of safety and quality of health care in Australia. He was appointed to that role in December 2007.

Chris is a member of the World Health Organization High 5s Project Steering Group and is a member of the Clinical, Technical and Ethical Principal Committee of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council. He also chairs the National Intensive Care Registry Steering Committee and is a member of the Health Care Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council. Chris is a Professorial Fellow of the School of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Flinders University of South Australia (FUSA).

Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Chris was Chief Medical Officer and Executive Director of Public Health and Clinical Coordination in the South Australian Department of Health.

His other medical positions were Professor/Director of Emergency Medicine at the University of Adelaide/Royal Adelaide Hospital and Director of Emergency Medicine at Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide.

Chris's other key roles in health have been as Censor-In-Chief and President of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, Chair of the Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges and Chair of the Board of the National Institute of Clinical Studies. Apart from his university degrees in medicine from the Flinders University of South Australia, he holds an Honours degree in Veterinary Science from Melbourne University and a degree in Social Administration, also from FUSA. His awards include the Order of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine.