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Founder and Director of the National Institute of Integrative Medicine (NIIM), Melbourne, Australia and Member of the Scientific Board of the European Congress for Integrative Medicine. He is the former Head of Graduate School of Integrative Medicine, Swinburne University and the University of Melbourne Department of Surgery, Heidelberg Hospital, Melbourne. Prof Sali has pioneered leading research and education in the field of Integrative Medicine, as well as being a specialist in the clinical treatment of cancer and chronic disease. As a leader in his field and through his large body of work, he has inspired and led a new generation of doctors to the practice of Integrative Medicine.

He is often referred to as the 'Founding Father of Integrative Medicine' in Australia.

The National Institute of Integrative Medicine, or NIIM, is a not for profit organisation conducting research in Integrative Medicine, and facilitating the practice of Integrative Medicine at the NIIM Clinic.

Our mission is to educate healthcare professionals and the general public in integrative medicine, and to conduct research into integrative medical treatments and technologies. Our NIIM Clinics in Victoria and Queensland provide the community with access to integrative medical doctors, complementary health practitioners and innovative therapies under the one roof.

Professor Sali donates his time to several positions on medical boards and associations. He is the current President of the International Council of Integrative Medicine (ICIM); past President of the Australasian Integrative Medicine Association (AIMA) and sits on numerous medical and other boards. He is a member of the Joint Working Party of the AIMA & Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) establishing the Integrative Medicine (IM) Network which oversees GP training, continuing professional development, and standards for safe ethical practice in the field of integrative medicine.

He has authored and co-authored numerous publications, including chapters in two of the world's leading surgical texts. He is on the editorial board of several medical journals and reviewer of articles for other health related publications.



His books include co-author of 'A guide to Evidence-Based Integrative and Complementary Medicine' published in 2011: Elsevier Australia. In 2016 a book about his life was published entitled "Visionary Man, Visionary Medicine". In 2017 Prof Sali co-authored the text: *A Clinician's Guide to Integrative Oncology*, Springer USA – the first textbook in Integrative Oncology primarily aimed at clinicians. His lifelong work has been the tireless promotion of bringing evidence-based Integrative Medicine into the mainstream medical model – to become *the* medical paradigm of healthcare.

Professor Sali is an invited speaker at many seminars and workshops both nationally and internationally, every year. He also volunteers his time to give educational talks on public health in metropolitan and rural communities. He is a regular contributor of health articles to many publications.

**In 2016 Prof Sali was honoured with an Order of Australia for “*significant service to integrative medicine as an educator, clinician and researcher, and to professional education*”.**