

A brief Biography of A/Prof Elgene Lim

I was awarded my medical degree from the *University of Melbourne*, and obtained my medical oncology fellowship from the *Royal Australasian College of Physicians* (RACP) in 2006, and subsequently embarked on a PhD as a *National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) Scholar* at the *Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research* with eminent Australian breast cancer researchers Professors Jane Visvader & Geoffrey Lindeman. My research identified the aberrant cells in carriers of the BRCA1 mutant gene, a hereditary breast cancer syndrome, which are the likely culprit cells giving rise to breast cancer.

I furthered my research and clinical training in breast cancer as a *Fulbright Scholar* at the *Dana-Farber Cancer Institute & Harvard Medical School* in Boston under the mentorship of internationally acclaimed leaders in breast cancer research Professors Eric Winer & Myles Brown, through fellowships from the National Health & Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC) and RACP.

I was awarded the *NBCF Practitioner Fellowship* in 2014 and returned from Boston to Australia. I was recruited to lead, and appointed as a Senior Staff Oncologist & Director of translational research at *St Vincent's Hospital* and *The Kinghorn Cancer Centre*, where I oversee the breast cancer department and breast cancer clinical trials portfolio. In 2017, I was awarded the inaugural *NBCF Endowed Chair*.


I also head the *Connie Johnson Breast Cancer Research Group* at the *Garvan Institute of Medical Research*, comprising a team of 10 talented young scientists, whose research is solely focussed on improving the outcomes for patients with breast cancer. Our research is funded through the NBCF, Love Your Sister, NHMRC, Cancer Australia, Cancer Council NSW, and Garvan Foundation.

I am an Associate Professor with the *University of New South Wales* School of Medicine, and continue to maintain strong links with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. I am on the scientific advisory committee of *Breast Cancer Trials*, the peak Breast Cancer Trials Co-operative group in Australia, and a member of the American Association of Cancer Research and American Society of Clinical Oncologists.

More details can be found on the following websites

 <https://www.elgenelim.com>

 <https://www.sydneyoncology.com.au>

 <https://www.garvan.org.au/research/cancer/connie-johnson-breast-cancer-research/elglim>