



# Friends of Science in Medicine

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## *Friends of Science in Medicine*

### **Join us!**

#### *Our Vision Statement:*

*"To reverse the current trend which sees government-funded tertiary institutions offering health care 'science' courses not based on scientific principles nor supported by scientific evidence".*

Many Australian universities have introduced studies in unproven alternative therapies such as 'fundamentalist' chiropractic, homeopathy, iridology, naturopathy, acupuncture and 'energy medicine'.

We at **Friends of Science in Medicine** are building support in the scientific and academic community to create an organisation of basic and clinical scientists, doctors, clinical academics and informed consumer advocates who share our concerns. We hope to provide the voice of reason and credibility to help the public make informed choices in medical care and not be subjected to false claims of efficacy nor take unnecessary risks of harm from unproven therapies or from delay in seeking proven treatment.

With the support of more than 100 of the *Who's Who* of Australian medical and scientific academia, we are trying to discourage universities from running pseudo-scientific courses which undermine the scientific credibility of those universities and we hope to influence government and others responsible for funding such courses.

If you would like to support this growing group, and are happy to become part of a public list of supporters, scientific groups and institutions, please contact our secretariat at [scienceinmedicine@bigpond.com](mailto:scienceinmedicine@bigpond.com) with your:

Name, Title, Professional Affiliations and preferred Email Address.

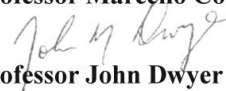
*We are not trying to stop public access to alternative therapies provided that the public is fully informed about the lack of, or minimal evidence for, safety and efficacy of these alleged treatments.*

*We are in favour of discussing the place of alternative therapies, their placebo effect and the testing of these therapies in well-designed trials.*


Please forward this invitation to colleagues whom you think would be supportive.

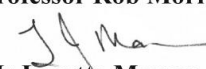
Hopefully this letter will 'go viral' and not able to be stopped by homeopathic vaccination!

  
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