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Neil is the Foundation Professor of Surgery and Clinical Dean, Western Sydney University Australia. He is a Specialist Upper GI Surgeon and Oncology Surgeon, Director of Surgery and Head Upper GI Surgery for South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD). He has an extensive interest in the development of databases and protocol driven patient cares and outcomes for malignancy and the development of personalised treatment programmes for Upper GI oncology. He leads and manages planning programmes at regional and State Level to health facility development and meeting the demands of surgical conditions through his many executive roles as well as the coordination , reimagination and change management of surgical services, particularly in the post covid environment. He is an active researcher with over 160 peer reviewed publications

He is the Current Chair of the NSW State Surgical Care Network and also the Value Based Care working group for ACI, and was recently appointed Co-chair of the NSW Surgical Care Governance Taskforce for the MoH.

Amongst his many committee duties he is on the NSW Cancer Institute Clinical Advisory Committee Oesophago gastric and pancreatic cancers, the RACS Surgical Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Committee and the Scientific Committee for the International Cancer Benchmarking Programme (ICBP) His past committee roles have included Board Member SWSLHD, Member NSW Covid Clinical Council, Board Member and Member of the Training Committee for Australian and New Zealand Gastro Oesophageal Surgical Association (ANZGOSA) and Chair; Upper GI section of RACS