

The oropharyngeal microbial population of Busselton: a community split by smoking

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Professor Cookson initially trained as a respiratory physician, before receiving a D.Phil. in human genetics at Oxford in 1994. He was a Professor of Human Genetics at the University of Oxford between 1998 and 2004. Over the past twenty-five years he and Miriam Moffatt have developed a successful research group devoted to understanding the genetic causes of asthma (Zhang Y. *et al.*, *Nature Genetics* 2003; Allen M. *et al.*, *Nature Genetics* 2003; Moffatt M. *et al.*, *Nature* 2007; Moffatt M. *et al.*, *New England Journal of Medicine* 2010). The Busselton Health Study has successfully collaborated with Professor Cookson in epidemiological studies of the Busselton community and of people with asbestos-related diseases. Professor Cookson is a UWA graduate who trained as a respiratory physician in Perth and was a member of the BPMRI research group before going to UK.

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