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Professor Terence Dwyer is a non-communicable disease epidemiologist with extensive experience in the conduct of cohort and case control studies with a focus on infant and child health.

Professor Dwyer's research on *Sudden Infant Death Syndrome* and sleeping position was recognised by the NHMRC, Australia, as one of the thirteen most important contributions to medical research by Australia in the 20th century. This work was mainly conducted in the **Tasmanian Infant Health Survey** which enrolled 11,000 infants between 1988 and 1995.

Professor Dwyer currently leads two large global cohort collaborations. The first follows around 40,000 subjects who were first measured at school age, now moving into their 5th and 6th decades, to estimate separate effects of childhood physical and lifestyle characteristics on risk of major adult diseases such as type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. The second is the **International Childhood Cancer Cohort Consortium (14C)**, a collaboration of birth cohorts in more than ten countries. It aims to obtain prospective evidence on the causes of childhood cancer by assembling data on 1 million mothers and babies who will be followed through childhood.

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