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MOU Signing Creates Largest Respiratory Research Network in Southern Hemisphere

The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research and the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), creating the largest respiratory and sleep research network in the southern hemisphere.

Professor Nobert Berend, Director of the Woolcock Institute said, "Both groups are considered to be international leaders in their fields of work in respiratory research and both have teams investigating asthma, sleep and public health issues.

"The MOU will enable us to combine our strengths, pool our resources and avoid expensive duplication."

HMRI Executive Director Prof John Rostas said HMRI's success had been built on pioneering a model for effective collaboration between multiple research sites.

We are delighted to expand this network through a partnership with the Woolcock Institute, and maximise the strategic strengths of both organisations," he said.

Large clinical studies will now be able to be run across both sites, enabling more people to volunteer for participation in trials, which will see more definitive conclusions reached.