



Short Biography:

Dr Gary Ma has had a long and successful career in Biochemistry and health service administration especially in association with the Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research (ICPMR) which is one of the biggest, comprehensive public hospital pathology service providers in NSW Australia.

He attended school in England and went to London to read Biochemistry and completed his postgraduate degree from the University of St Andrews, Scotland UK and later received his PhD degree from Imperial College London, England in 1976.

Gary's research interests are predominantly in the thyroid physiology with special interest in iodine nutrition. He has collaborated with various research institutes within Australia in community iodine nutrition study. He has been appointed Conjoint Professor in the School of Medicine (Pathology), at Western Sydney University. He has a very keen interest in promoting and providing quality education to medical and science students. Gary is currently the Deputy Coordinator, Asia Pacific Region, Iodine Global Network (IGN) which is based in Sydney.

Recent Publications:

1. Mary-Anne Land, Jacqui L Webster, Gary Ma, Mu Li et al (2016)
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2. L Buchanan, KE Charlton, S Roodenrys, D Cocuz, T Pendergast and G Ma (2015)
'Iodine Status not associated with cognitive functioning in older Australians'. *J Ageing Res Clin Practice* 4(1): 16-24
3. Mu Li, Creswell J Eastman and Gary Ma (2014)
'Iodised salt in bread improves iodine nutrition in Australia'. *IDD Newsletter* February 1/2014 p7-8 (<http://www.ign.org/idd-newsletter-12014.htm>)
4. Karen Charlton, Mary-Anne Land, Gary Ma and Heather Yeatman (2014)
'Iodine status similarly suboptimal in Australian women who have desirable salt intakes compared to those with excessive intakes'. *Nutrition* 30, page 234 - 235

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