

Professor François Nosten

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François Nosten is Professor of Tropical

Medicine at the University of Oxford and Director of the Shoklo

Malaria Research Unit in Mae Sot, Thailand.

After training in medicine Professor Nosten worked for Medecins sans Frontieres in Africa and Asia. In 1986 he joined the research unit of Professor Nicholas White in Thailand, and set up the Shoklo Malaria Research Unit on the Thai-Burma border, which combines health care delivery and operational research to refugees and to migrant workers living on the border.

Professor Nosten's work concentrates on uncomplicated malaria. He has conducted the largest ever drug trials in malaria in an area which has the world's most drug-resistant parasites, including a detailed study of the SPf66 malaria vaccine. Recent studies have concentrated on the efficacy and effectiveness of combination anti-malarial therapy. Professor Nosten has also investigated malaria prophylaxis and anti-malarial treatment in pregnancy and the identification of thiamine deficiency (beriberi) as a major cause of infant mortality amongst Karen refugees.