



The Richard Doll Seminars
in Public Health and Epidemiology

Prof Dame Valerie Beral

University of Oxford

“Rosalind Franklin,
women and cancer”

Tuesday 27th May 2014
1-2 pm

Lecture Theatre, Richard Doll Bldg, Old Road Campus

<http://www.ceu.ox.ac.uk/seminars>

Follow us on  [@rdseminars](https://twitter.com/rdseminars)

All welcome



Valerie Beral DBE AC FRS
Director, Cancer Epidemiology Unit
University of Oxford



Born in Australia, Professor Beral obtained her degree in medicine at **Sydney University** in 1969 and worked as a clinician in Australia and New Guinea. In 1970, she moved to the UK and trained under Charles Fletcher (**Hammersmith Hospital**), who recognised that she was suited to epidemiology and so propelled her towards the **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**, where she worked for almost 20 years in the Departments of Demography and then Epidemiology. In 1988, she moved to Oxford to be *Director* of the **Cancer Epidemiology Unit**, previously directed by *Sir Richard Doll*.

Her research includes the role of reproductive, hormonal and infectious agents in cancer, and she is the *Principal Investigator* for the Million Women Study. She has led international collaborative studies of cancer in women, and published widely on the effects of hormone replacement therapy. She has served on various committees for the World Health Organization and the US National Academy of Sciences, and has chaired the UK Department of Health's Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer Screening. She is currently *Non-Executive Director* of the **UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency**, and the newly-elected President of the **International Epidemiological Association**.

Professor Beral was awarded *Fellowship of the Royal Society* (2006), for scientific contributions to epidemiology, as well as *Dame of the British Empire* (2010) and *Companion of Australia* (2010). She has also received the *Outstanding Contribution to Epidemiology Award* from the American College of Epidemiology (2013), and is this year's recipient of the *Rosalind E Franklin Award* given by the National Cancer Institute in the US. She has been previously interviewed by the BBC Radio 4 for *The Life Scientific* (www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01qdw1k).