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Media Statement

FILLING THE GAPS FROM LAB BENCH TO BEDSIDE

A world-renowned clinical research expert from the USA's Duke University will take to the podium in Perth on August 10 for the *Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration*, hosted by Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR).

Professor Robert Califf from the Duke Translational Medicine Institute, will focus on translational research and filling in the gaps in taking scientific discoveries from the lab bench to patients' bedside in his presentation 'Linking Molecular Medicine and the Community'.

Professor Robert Califf MD, MACC is vice chancellor for clinical research, director of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute (DTMI) and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina.

Professor Califf is recognized as a leader in understanding clinical trials, drug development and regulation as well as the financial, ethical and complex medical issues they involve.

The *Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration* was established in memory of the late Harry Perkins – WAIMR's inaugural Chairman and the driving force behind the formation of the Institute.

He believed that without a high quality research environment in WA, it would be difficult to recruit and retain the best doctors and, as a consequence, service delivery to the community would suffer.

The *Wesfarmers' Harry Perkins Oration* is a free event for the community and will be held at the University Club of WA on August 10 from 4pm to 5pm.

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

To reserve your place, please contact WAIMR via email sarah.thoms@waimr.uwa.edu.au or call (08) 9224 0333.

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