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Dr Wegman is a Clinical Gastroenterologist in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. He graduated from medical studies with Honours from the University of NSW in 1978 and obtained his Fellowship at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1985. He continued his study and was awarded a PhD in Gastrointestinal Physiology from the University of Sydney School of Medicine in 1993.

Dr Wegman was awarded an NHMRC Scholarship and he went on to become the inaugural scholar for the Gastrointestinal Society of Australia (GESA) accepting their scholarship instead. He has been in receipt of a Ramacciotti Research Grant, and a Bushell Equipment Grant during his doctoral studies as well as overseas travel grant awards. He is a previous part-time lecturer at the University of Sydney in Gastrointestinal Physiology and has been an Independent Assessor for the NHMRC scholarship grants.

Dr Wegman was elected to The Senate of the University of Sydney and was honoured by the University for his contribution to that body during The University of Sydney's sesquicentenary celebrations.

Dr Wegman's publications have appeared as first author in prestigious journals such as The Royal Society of Medicine, The American Journal of Physiology, The European Journal of Physiology, GUT, The Journal of Membrane Biology, The Medical Journal of Australia, as well as Modern Medicine.

He has also authored chapters in textbooks in use by medical students in Australia which were translated for medical schools in Germany.

He is the CEO, Director and Owner of the Sydney Clinic for Gastrointestinal Diseases, incorporating the Newland Street Specialist Centre and Day Surgery.

The SCGID is a day surgery specialising in gastrointestinal endoscopy and is a leader in the diagnosis, management and treatment of patients with gastrointestinal conditions.

Dr Wegman's special interests include diagnosis of and management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection, inflammatory bowel disease, coeliac disease and irritable bowel syndrome. Early detection of bowel cancer, polyp surveillance and bowel screening for the NBCSP are important challenges for his practice.

Dr Wegman maintains a special interest in looking at disease from the perspective of abnormal physiology and prides himself on his skills as a general physician.