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Prof. James Beeson is Deputy Director and the Burnet Institute, and Head of the Malaria Immunity and Vaccine Group, and an adjunct professor at Monash University. James is a public health physician and has worked in malaria research in South East Asia and East Africa for many years. A major focus of his research is aimed at understanding the targets and mechanisms of protective immunity in humans, and using this knowledge to advance vaccine development and evaluation. This work extends to the development of malaria sero-surveillance approaches and novel tools and evaluating the impact of changes in malaria epidemiology on malaria immunity and risk. He is also involved in evaluating and strengthening strategies for malaria control, approaches to enhance malaria surveillance, and operational research in Papua New Guinea.