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“The Killer Defence”

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Host: Professor Tony Basten

Professor Peter Doherty shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1996 with Swiss colleague Rolf Zinkernagel, for their discoveries concerning the specificity of the cell-mediated immune defence.

He was Australian of the Year in 1997, and has since been commuting between St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne. His research is mainly in the area of defence against viruses.

Peter Doherty graduated from the University of Queensland in Veterinary Science and became a veterinary officer. Moving to Scotland, he received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. He is the first person with a veterinary qualification to win a Nobel Prize. Peter is also the author of several books, including *A Light History of Hot Air*, *The Beginners Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize*, *Sentinel Chickens: What Birds Tell us About our Health and the World* and *Pandemics: What Everyone Needs to Know*.