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- Respiratory Viruses
- Clinical Trials
- Immunology and Vaccines
- Human Challenge Studies

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Biography

A/Prof Barnaby Young is an infectious disease senior consultant at NCID and TTSH and jointly appointed at Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine. He is Head of the Singapore Infectious Disease Clinical Research Network (SCRN) at NCID and co-ordinates prospective observational studies and randomised controlled trials in collaboration with public hospitals and polyclinics in Singapore. His research interests are in respiratory viral infections including SARS-CoV-2 and influenza. He is database core lead in Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness and Response (PREPARE), Ministry of Health and received the NMRC CSA to conduct a SARS-CoV-2 Human Challenge Study. He has held >\$8 million in research grants as principal investigator and published >110 peer reviewed papers in top journals such as NEJM, Lancet, JAMA and Science.

Selected Publications

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Notable Research/Innovation Awards & Grants from Past 5 Years

Name of Awards & Grants	Year Obtained
RIE2020 Collaborative CG Seed Funding A multi-centered prospective study to detect and characterise 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)	2020
NMRC COVID-19 Research Fund Understanding the clinical features and immune-pathogenesis of COVID-19	2020
NMRC COVID-19 Research Fund ACTIV-3: Therapeutics for Inpatients with COVID-19	2020
COVID-19 Research Fund 3rd Grant Call Duration of immune response and identification of markers of sequelae in SARS-CoV-2 recovered patients	2020
NMRC COVID-19 Research Fund Singapore COVID-19 Vaccine Immune Response and Protection Study (SCOPE)	2021
NMRC COVID-19 Research Fund Heterologous Prime-Boost-Boost Vaccine Combinations for Long-Term Humoral and Cellular Immunity Against COVID-19	2021
Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness And Response (PREPARE) Core Funding 1 (Infectious Disease Clinical and Research Databases)	2022
Clinician Scientist Award (CSA) Investigator (INV) Category The Singapore Platform for Controlled Human Infections with SARS-CoV-2 ('Sing-CoV')	2023

Translating Research/Innovation Into Healthcare

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