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Professor Doyle worked in the field of neonatal paediatrics for more than 30 years, and exclusively between 1978, when he was first appointed to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the University of Melbourne, and 2006, when he ceased working in the nursery at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne. As well as training in Melbourne, he was fortunate to work and train for 3½ years in Canada, at McMaster University, where he met and worked with many esteemed international colleagues in neonatal paediatrics.

Professor Doyle has major research interests in evaluating neonatal intensive care, including how to improve on that care, and its economic consequences. He has been a chief investigator on numerous randomised controlled trials of interventions before and after birth designed to improve the outcome for the highest-risk babies, including the tiniest and most immature babies. He leads several research groups interested in the outcome for tiny babies well beyond the nursery and into adulthood; these are the Premature Infant Follow-up Programme at the Royal Women's Hospital, and the Victorian Infant Collaborative Study Group. He is also a senior member of the Victoria Infant Brain Studies (VIBeS) Group. As a consequence of his research activities he has over 400 scientific publications, 1 book, and two completed theses (MSc [McMaster]; MD [Melbourne]) to date (2015). He is the Chief Investigator on the Centre for Research Excellence in Newborn Medicine (2014-2018), which is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia.

In addition to his research activities, Professor Doyle is now Associate Director of Research at the Royal Women's Hospital, and is heavily involved in undergraduate and postgraduate clinical research education, mentoring, and supervision. He also chairs the Human Research Committee at the Royal Women's Hospital.