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Professor Gilbert leads a substantial set of research programs within the areas of medicines policy, health service research and health behaviour change. He is an acknowledged leader in these fields at national and international levels. His research program on models of practice for medication therapy management, which demonstrated resolution of medication-related problems for patients, reduced hospitalisation rates and cost savings to the health system, influenced the Federal Government to fund Home Medication Reviews for all at risk people in the community. Pharmacists and doctors are now paid a fee under the Medical Benefits Scheme to provide these services free to patients.

Professor Gilbert is Chief Investigator on an ARC/NHMRC Ageing Well Ageing Productively Grant "The development and evaluation of management strategies designed to address poly-morbidity in older people: Implications for health policy planning, practitioners and patients."

He is also Project Director of the 10 year Prescriber Intervention and Feedback Program - Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services "Veterans' MATES" run in partnership with the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs. This program was awarded the Health Organisation Quality Use of Medicines Award by the National Prescribing Service (NPS) at the National Medicines Symposium in 2008.

He is regularly invited to address National and International conferences. He was awarded the Pharmacist of the Year Award in 2005 and the South Australian Pharmacist of the Year in 2004, by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, for his work in medicines policy development, implementation and evaluation, pharmacoepidemiology and health practice change. He was appointed President of the South Australian Pharmacy Board by the SA Minister for Health in 2007.