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Dr. Pamela Pollock completed her B.Sc. (Hons) in 1994 at the University of Queensland with first class Honours and a University Medal. She completed a PhD focusing on the genetics of familial and sporadic melanoma with Nick Hayward in the Experimental Oncology Program at the Queensland Institute for Medical Research (QIMR) in 2000. After obtaining a C.J. Martin Fellowship from the NHMRC she carried out a postdoctoral fellowship with the director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) at the NIH, Professor Jeffrey Trent.

In mid- 2003, she was then recruited to Phoenix, Arizona to start her own laboratory at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), a new not-for-profit research institute directed by Dr Jeffrey Trent. In 2006 Dr Pollock expanded her research program into endometrial cancer where her lab was the first to identify mutations in FGFR2. She has been involved in translating this basic discovery into the clinic where she is a translational science co chair on a trial evaluating Brivanib, a dual VEGFR/FGFR inhibitor, in metastatic and recurrent endometrial cancer (NCT00888173). She has now returned to Queensland to head the Gynecological Cancer Laboratory within IHBI at the Queensland University of Technology where her program spans cancer gene discovery, cell and molecular biology and translational science.

