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A joint seminar from the Departments of Paediatrics and Public Health

Tackling childhood obesity

Presented by Assoc Prof Louise Signal, Dr Moira Smith, Prof Dawn Elder, and Dr Harriette Carr

New Zealand has the third highest rate of childhood obesity in the developed world. Tackling childhood obesity is a major policy and practice issue currently receiving much attention. This seminar will cover:

- The latest public health research investigating local children’s perspectives on the obesogenic environment and policy solutions
- An update on some current policy developments in New Zealand
- Childhood obesity as a ‘wicked’ problem - a clinical case.

Louise Signal is an Associate Professor and Director of the Health Promotion and Policy Research unit (HePPRU) at the University of Otago, Wellington, and Regional Director of the South West Pacific Region of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education.

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Friday 31 July 2015 | 12.30 to 1.30 Small Lecture Theatre | ALL WELCOME!

