



# SEMINAR

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## The monkey problem is a barrier to Māori and Pacific health: Quality improvement and child asthma

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Despite decades of evidence of effectiveness for chronic care self management, nearly two thirds of families do not have an action plan for when their child's asthma deteriorates (even worse for Māori and Pacific families). Could a RNZCGP clinical effectiveness quality module help bridge the gaps in clinical knowledge translation and equity? Feasibility testing (including a practice trial) and a small survey reveal systemic misalignment and barriers to improving quality. These may explain, in part, the slow uptake by health care organisations of good practices to improve Māori and Pacific health.

**Gay Keating** is a public health specialist who has worked in primary care, hospital service planning and management, national policy advice and advocacy. Gay's special interests are in systems and infrastructure to give effect to human rights, particularly Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the right to health. Her recent research has involved support for evidence-informed decisions in policy, sector and professional practice and evaluating the health and ethnic equity impacts of choices made by systems or organisations.

**Friday 2 October 2015**

**12.30 to 1.30**

**Small Lecture Theatre**

**ALL WELCOME!**