



# SEMINAR

## Department of Public Health



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## Acute rheumatic fever and housing

Acute rheumatic fever and its dangerous complication rheumatic heart disease impose a significant burden of disease on our Maori and Pacific populations. Rheumatic fever has frequently been associated with poor socioeconomic conditions, housing quality and home crowding. This seminar will present emerging evidence on how these factors increase risk in a New Zealand setting.

**Prof Michael Baker** will help facilitate the seminar and comment on the contribution of housing conditions, particularly household crowding, to development of rheumatic fever and potential housing interventions. He is a Public Health Physician and Professor of Public Health at the University of Otago, Wellington and Co-director of He Kainga Oranga/Housing and Health Research Programme.

**Jane Oliver** will present findings of a case study that investigated the housing conditions of rheumatic fever patients, and will comment on the Healthy Housing Referral Programme and its potential contribution to lowering rates of rheumatic fever. She is a PhD Student at the University of Otago, Wellington. Her research is focused on public health aspects of rheumatic fever.

**Dr Ramona Tiatia** will discuss her housing research working with families facing a high risk of developing rheumatic fever. She is a research fellow in He Kainga Oranga/Healthy Housing Research Programme University of Otago, Wellington.

**12.30 to 1.30 Friday 1 April 2016**

**Small Lecture Theatre**

**ALL WELCOME!**