

Public Health Student Summerships 2002-2012

2012/2013

Annabel Ludeke

Topic: Health literacy in general practice: describing practice nurses' understanding of health literacy.

Supervisors: [Gillian Abel](#), Lynley Cook, Philip Schluter, Ramai Lord, Maria Pasene

Sponsor: Pegasus Health

2011/2012

Neela Bhana

Topic: [Managing patient expectations about chronic pain.](#)

Supervisors: [Lee Thompson](#), John Alchin, Bronwyn Thompson

Sponsor: University of Otago, Divisional Scholarship

Kara Seers

Topic: [The use of interpreter services in general practice in Canterbury.](#)

Supervisors: Philip Schluter, [Gillian Abel](#), Lynley Cook

Sponsor: Partnership Health Canterbury

2010/2011

Ronald Puni

Topic: [Pacific people and non-financial factors influencing access to mainstream general practice services.](#)

Supervisor: Lynley Cook, [Gillian Abel](#)

Sponsors: Partnership Health Canterbury

Rachael Stevenson

Topic: [The Canterbury Methadone Maintenance Model of Care](#)

Supervisors: Ian Sheerin, Les Toop, David Kerr

Sponsors: Pegasus Health

2008/2009

Dru Norriss

Topic: [The effectiveness of hypertension in diabetes screening and detection.](#)

Supervisors: [Phil Hider](#) & Maggie Wilson

Sponsor: Pegasus Health

2007/2008

Courtney Hore

Topic: [Comparison of electrocardiography and echocardiography to detect the presence of left ventricular hypertrophy in a Maori community](#)

Awarded Best Speaker in the "Community" Category

Supervisor(s): [Suzanne Pitama](#), [Vicky Cameron](#), John Irvine

Sponsor: Maurice & Phyllis Paykel Trust

Te Kiriwera Wicksteed

Topic: [An exploration of the preliminary echo findings in the Hauoroa Manawa/Community Heart Study](#)

Supervisors: [Suzanne Pitama](#), [Vicky Cameron](#)

Sponsor: HRC

2006/2007

Amy Chisholm

Topic: [Psychoeducation and support for people affected by bipolar disorder: developing a community service evaluation questionnaire.](#)

Supervisors: Carolyn Doughty, [Jane Elmslie](#), [Richard Porter](#) [Depts Public Health & General Practice and Psychological Medicine]

Sponsor: Canterbury Medical Research Foundation

Alasdair Duncan

Topic: [Identification of evidence-based health promotion programmes for Healthy Christchurch.](#)

Supervisors: Ann Richardson, Lisa Fitzgerald [Dept Public Health & General Practice]

Sponsor: Canterbury Medical Research Foundation

Gemma Griffin

Topic: [Assessing the information-seeking behaviour, skills and needs of different clinical health professional groups at the CDHB.](#)

Supervisors: [Phil Hider](#), Edward Coughlan, Marg Walker [Dept Public Health & General Practice and Library]

Sponsor: Canterbury Medical Research Foundation

Nicholas Pascoe

Topic: [A critical media analysis of print media reporting on the implementation of the Prostitution Reform Act, 2003-2006.](#)

Supervisors: Lisa Fitzgerald, [Gillian Abel](#), [Cheryl Brunton](#) [Dept Public Health & General Practice]

Sponsor: Health Research Council of NZ

2005/2006

Tamlin Clulow & Brenda Cournane

Topic: Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors among people enrolled in general practice in Rangiora

Supervisors: [Ian Sheerin](#), Alistair Humphrey, Greg Hamilton

Sponsors: Canterbury Rural Primary Health Organisation, Heart Foundation.

Duncan Edwards

Topic: [Evaluation of a pilot Pacific project](#)

Supervisor: Ann Richardson

Sponsor: National Heart Foundation

Courtney Hore

Topic: [Profile of experiences and needs of Māori clients on the Christchurch methadone programme.](#)

Supervisor: Paul Robertson

Sponsor: University of Otago

Kasey Tawhara

Topic: [Attitudes of Maori towards genetic research](#)

Supervisor: [Suzanne Pitama](#)

Sponsor: Cardioendocrine Theme Bursaries

Tim Weir

Topic: [Post-reform reflections on prostitution legislation: analysis of Phase I context-setting focus groups.](#)

Co-Supervisors: [Gillian Abel](#), Lisa Fitzgerald

Sponsor: Public Health Theme

2004/2005

Jonathan Barnes

Topic: [Pacific health community needs assessment: assessing both models and practice.](#)

Supervisor: Karen Nero [MacMillan Brown Centre, Canterbury University], Co-supervisors: Pauline Barnett [Public Health CSMHS], Api Api Talimaitoga [Pacific Trust]

Yu-Hsing Cindy Chang

Topic: [Audit of diabetes testing within selected general practices and estimates of type II diabetes among the Pacific population in Christchurch.](#)

Supervisor: Pauline Barnett, Co-supervisors: Alistair Humphrey [Community Public Health/Pacific Trust]. Maggie Wilson [Pegasus Health]

Whitney Gillies

Topic: [Impact of elective waiting times on acute demand for surgery.](#)

Co-supervisors: [Suzanne Pitama](#), Kay Poulsen [Chch Hospital].

Courtney Hore

Topic: [Impact of patient flow project on successful discharge outcomes and patient perceptions of care.](#)

Co-supervisors: [Suzanne Pitama](#), Kay Poulsen [Chch Hospital]

Katie MacKay

Topic: [National Needle Exchange Blood-borne Virus Seroprevalence Survey.](#)

Supervisor: [Cheryl Brunton](#), Co-supervisor: Charles Henderson [Needle Exchange NZ]

2003/2004

Tracy Haitana

Topic: [From hospital waiting list to GP managed care.](#)

Supervisor: [Suzanne Pitama](#)

Sponsored by Health Care of the Elderly Education Trust

Kate McBride

Topic: [Evaluating the impact of the Health Sponsorship Council's SunSmart contract with Canterbury Tennis.](#)

Supervisor: Pauline Barnett

Sponsored by the Health Sponsorship Council (SunSmart Programme)

Monique Scott

Topic: [From hospital waiting list to active review.](#)

Supervisor: [Suzanne Pitama](#) [co-supervisor, with Kay Poulsen]

Sponsored by the Canterbury Medical Research Foundation

Non-departmental students

Paul Sweetsur

Topic: National Primary Medical Care Electronic Collection Feasibility Analysis

Supervisor: Peter Davis

Sponsored by the Public Health Research Theme (U of Otago)

Martin von Randow

Topic: National Primary Medical Care Survey Emergency Departments Analysis (NEDA)

Supervisor: Peter Davis

Sponsored by the Public Health Research Theme (U of Otago)

Alison White

Topic: [Analysis of submissions on 'Towards a pesticides risk reduction policy for New Zealand'](#)

Supervisor: Kevin Dewe

Sponsored by the Public Health Research Theme (U of Otago)

2002/2003

Christian Galbraith

Topic: [New Zealand Socio-Economic index, 'A Users Guide'](#)

Supervisor: Prof Peter Davis

Sponsor: Social Science Research Centre (SSRC), University of Canterbury

Matilda Hamilton

Topic: [Why do some parents choose not to immunise their children?](#)

Supervisors: Dr Paul Corwin and Dr Suzanne Gower

Sponsor: Child Health Research Foundation

Heath Lash

Topic: [National Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunisation Attitudes Study](#)

Dougal Thorburn

Topic: [The National Primary Care Survey: an analysis of Maori patterns](#)

Supervisor: Prof Peter Davis

Sponsor: Public Health Research Theme

Josie Toop

Topic: [Analysis of assumptions about risk behaviours in health promotion/health education pamphlets used in primary care and public health.](#)

Supervisor: Dr E W Plumridge

Department: Public Health and General Practice

Kathryn Whitehead

Topic: [The Survey of New Zealand Hospital Nurses: analysis of open comments.](#)

Supervisor: Dr Suzanne Gower

Sponsor: Canterbury Medical Research Foundation