



# SEMINAR

## Department of Public Health



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## Cancer in the context of severe mental illness in New Zealand: Epidemiology and health services

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Experience of severe mental illness is associated with premature mortality and an unequal burden of physical health problems including cancer. This seminar uses New Zealand data to examine two questions: Firstly, is cancer really less common among people with severe mental illness than in the general population? And secondly, how does a history of severe mental illness impact on outcomes after cancer diagnosis?



Ruth Cunningham is a public health physician, epidemiologist, and mother of three. She recently completed her PhD supported by a Clinical Research Fellowship from the Health Research Council of NZ.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 12.30 to 1.15**

**Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago Wellington**

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