

MONASH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESEARCH STRENGTHS

(Bachelor of Medical Sciences Information Session)

The School of Primary Health Care trains General Practice Medical Practitioners and Allied Health Professionals including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers and Emergency and Paramedic and Disability workers. The School is highly ranked (3rd) in its research portfolio in Australia and internationally. Its work is about preventing illness before it develops making a difference for people with health problems and minimizing disability for people with chronic health problems. The School has strong international research links, especially in the Asia Pacific.

Primary Care and General Practice Practitioner Education Research

The Department of General Practice has a long track record in conducting research into the training of primary care practitioners based upon its leading work in general practice education in Australia and in the Asia Pacific.

Healthy Ageing Research

The Healthy Ageing Research Unit conducts research of the highest international standards that is designed to improve quality of life for older people while recognizing the dynamic and diverse nature of the ageing population in the community. It houses the following research programs:

- Melbourne Longitudinal Studies of Healthy Ageing
- Service Quality Improvement for older people
- Evidence-based care of people with dementia
- Cultural conceptualizations of ageing
- Healthy lifestyles and enhancing participation for older people

Mental Health and Addiction Research

The Problem Gambling Research and Treatment Centre is a partnership between the Victorian Government Monash and Melbourne Universities. The centre conducts cutting edge research into problem gambling treatment approaches. The Centre also leads international research programs in risk and protective factors in problem gambling and gambling co-morbidities with Peking University and Harvard University. It has a major ongoing longitudinal data set in this area.

The School also has a strong research track record in addiction and primary care more generally.

Disability Research

The School houses the Centre for Developmental Disability Health (CDDHV), an academic unit established by the Victorian State Government to improve health

outcomes for people with developmental disabilities through a range of educational, research and clinical activities. Current projects include:

- Measures to detect change in symptoms of Alzheimer's disease in Down syndrome
- Alzheimer's disease in adults with Down syndrome
- Depression and other determinants of problem behaviours in adults with intellectual disability
- Development and trial of a depression screening tool for people with complex communication needs
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Depression in Adults with Intellectual Disability through Direct Support Worker, General Practitioner and Psychiatry Collaboration

Child Abuse Research Australia

Child Abuse Research Australia is a strategic collaboration between the Australian Childhood Foundation and Monash University (Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences). Current research includes:

- World's Best Practice in Prevention of Child Abuse
- The Economic Costs of Child Abuse
- Children Born to Chemically Dependent Parents
- Optimal Management of Children who are hospitalised with Child Abuse and Neglect

Health Sciences and Allied Health

In the Department of Health Science teams of researchers are clustered around themes including evidence-based and equity driven health promotion, health and social impact assessment (HISA), social disadvantage and health vulnerability, community and health development and environmental risk. The Social Work Department has many research projects in the areas of family, child abuse and neglect and criminal justice issues. Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy staff work in researching effective clinical interventions.

Hospital Quality Improvement

The School hosts a major international research program in hospital quality improvement in conjunction with Australian, Chinese and Saudi Arabian partners.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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