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Professor Helen Keleher is Head, Department of Health Science, School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. She was appointed to the position of Professor and Head of Health Science at the Peninsula campus in early 2006.

Helen's current research program is in health promotion, mental health and wellbeing, health inequalities, chronic illness and pathways to them via the social determinants of health, particularly gender and social inclusion.

Helen's research has resulted in studies on mental health promotion, primary health care, and building capacity for health promotion in the workforce. She has co-authored evidence reviews on health promotion in cardio-vascular disease, self-management in diabetes and mental health promotion. Her teaching areas include health promotion, health systems and policy, and community capacity building.

Currently, Helen holds an appointment to the Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network of the World Health Organisation's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. She is the immediate past National Convenor of the Australian Women's Health Network and was convenor of the 5th Australian Women's Health Conference in 2005. She is a past Vice-President (Policy) of the Public Health Association of Australia, and is a long-standing member of the Australian Health Promotion Association, the International Union of Health Promotion and Education, and the International Society for Equity in Health.

Helen is co-editor of *Understanding Health: A Determinants Approach*, and the forthcoming new book, *Understanding Health Promotion*, both published by Oxford University Press.

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