

Doing a PhD in the Department of Paediatrics: Child and Youth Health

The department of Paediatrics: Child and youth health provides a friendly and experienced environment for PhD students. There are a number of staff who have successfully supervised students to the successful completion of their PhD theses.

Potential supervisors in the department include:

[Professor Innes Asher](#)
[Professor Diana Lennon](#)
[Professor Ed Mitchell](#)

[Associate Professor Cameron Grant](#)

[Dr Cass Byrnes](#)
[Dr Lynne Hutchison](#)
[Dr John Thompson](#)

(Please click on above individuals names to see their research interests)

To give an idea of the types of research carried out by the department here is a list of **recent graduates** from the department and the titles of their theses.

Dr Sharon Wong: Community based paediatric trials of an outer membrane vesicle vaccine during a meningococcal serogroup B epidemic in New Zealand.
(Supervisor: Professor Diana Lennon)

Dr Diane Emery: Primary care and its impact upon pneumonia and pneumonia hospitalisation in Auckland children.
(Supervisors: Associate Professor Cameron Grant)

Dr Reremoana Theodore: Factors associated with cognitive ability in middle childhood
(Supervisor: Professor Ed Mitchell, Co-supervisor: Dr John Thompson)

Dr Christine Bibby: Behavioural problems in preschool and school aged children.
(Supervisor: Professor Ed Mitchell)

Current Students

Jacob Twiss: Nebulised antibiotics in children with bronchiectasis
(Supervisor: Dr Cass Byrnes, Co-supervisor: Prof Innes Asher)

Dug Yeo Han: Determinants of physical activity in 7 year old children
(Supervisor: Professor Ed Mitchell, Co-supervisor: Dr John Thompson)

Tomasina Stacey: Risk factors for stillbirth in Auckland
(Co-supervisors: Professor Ed Mitchell, Dr John Thompson)

Alison Leversha: Determinants of paediatric cellulitis
(Supervisor: Professor Ed Mitchell)

David McNamara: Humidification in children with Tracheotomies: a clinical cross-over trial
(Supervisor: Dr Cass Byrnes, Co-supervisor: Prof Innes Asher)

Seini Taufa: Pacific (Tongan) Teenage Pregnancy in New Zealand
(Supervisor: Prof Diana Lennon)

Simon Denny: How do school environments impact on the health and wellbeing of secondary school students in New Zealand.

Helen Petousis-Harris: Factors associated with adverse events following immunization
(Co-supervisor: Prof Diana Lennon)

Rebecca Walker: Otitis Media with Effusion: Risk Factors, Osteopathic Treatment and Micronutrient Supplementation
(Supervisor: Prof Ed Mitchell)