

## 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)