

## COMMITTED TO A POSITIVE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

Both the Southern District Health Board and the Dunedin School of Medicine are partners committed to providing an environment conducive to research while maintaining public safety, financial, legal and ethical accountability, and consideration of cultural beliefs.

### RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

The Research Advisory Group oversees research activities within the Dunedin School of Medicine and the School District Health Board and is comprised of management and research staff from both organisations. Its core business is to foster a positive safe research environment.

It does this through: policy making; setting strategic research priorities; reviewing research; disbursing internal funding; the promotion of research; and the governance of the Health Research Office.

### HEALTH RESEARCH OFFICE

The Health Research Office is the operational arm of the Research Advisory Group. It streamlines processes, facilitates effective communication, promotes safe research practices, manages relationships and provides support to researchers.



*The Otago Respiratory Research Unit's leading edge research in the field of asthma has the medical world reviewing traditional asthma care.*

PLEASE SEND TO:

Health Research Office  
Private Bag 1921  
Dunedin 9054  
New Zealand



The Dunedin School of Medicine is one of four Schools in the Faculty of Medicine. The School in Dunedin has had over 130 years of partnership with the Dunedin Hospital service. Other schools in the Faculty are the Otago School of Medical Sciences and the Schools of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Otago, Christchurch, and at the University of Otago, Wellington.

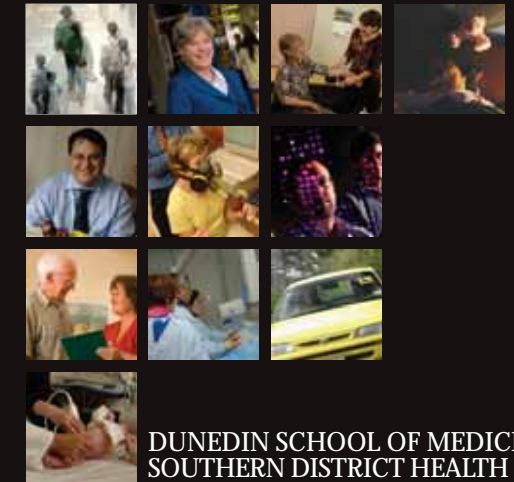
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As partners in health research, the University of Otago's Dunedin School of Medicine and the Southern District Health Board, work together to improve the delivery of health care for our population and for the wider good.

Dunedin Hospital enjoys international standing as a research hospital, a reputation built on this long-term partnership where clinicians and academics work together to carry out research, a partnership that has delivered significant breakthroughs in many areas of health research.

Doing health research also relies heavily on the willingness of volunteers to take part in research. Both the Dunedin School of Medicine and the Southern District Health Board acknowledge that Dunedin's community spirit is a major asset that makes Otago the envy of most research institutions around the world.

Research funding is also vital to sustain research. The DSM and the SDHB are indebted to those individuals and companies who have established a tradition in our community of gifting funds for research.

Health research is something we can all be partners in together.



**Mr Brian Rousseau**  
CEO SDHB



**Dr John Adams**  
DUNEDIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



**Professor André van Rij**  
RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP



*Over the last 20 years the Otago Cardiology Research Unit at Dunedin Hospital has been right at the forefront of life-saving research that has contributed to reducing the risk of dying from a heart attack from 15 to 20% down to 3 to 6%.*

## COMMITTED TO IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVES

The commitment to improving people's lives fuels the wide range of research that the DSM and the SDHB engage in. Here are some examples.

Approximately 157,000 New Zealanders have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. The Edgar National Centre for Diabetes Research at the DSM is renowned worldwide for its diabetes research.

Almost 1900 people a year are diagnosed with skin cancer and about 250 a year die from it. The Developmental Genetics Group at the DSM is engaged in fundamental research to shed light on skin cancer.

Almost one-third of New Zealand's children are heavier than they should be for their health. An obesity treatment and prevention campaign for this adolescent age group is being conducted by Otago's Paediatrics Sleep Research Group.

The Injury Prevention Research Unit (IPRU) targets reducing traffic-related injury in young drivers who are amongst those most at risk.

The Otago Vascular Research Group are in the business of identifying people at an early age, who are at risk of suffering from a range of serious vascular diseases later in their life.

The Oncology Department at Dunedin Hospital participates in numerous studies testing new cancer drugs to find those that are most effective.

If you wish to know more about the research partnership with the DSM and SDHB visit this website [www.otago.ac.nz/hro](http://www.otago.ac.nz/hro)

## MAKING A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH

A financial commitment to research can be very satisfying personally, knowing that you are playing a key role in advancing medical knowledge. Private donations for research form an essential foundation for growing research capability. No matter how modest a financial gift is it can give lasting benefit.

Much of the research partnered in the SDHB and DSM is made possible through private donations and bequests. This support also provides for awards to fund new researchers and young doctors to 'kick start' their research. Sometimes this is the only way to purchase new equipment and to fund the development of new innovations for better health care. An injection of funds from donations can seed research which will encourage 'big research funders' to support the research done here in Dunedin.

Some financial donors wish to tag their donation or bequest to a certain area of medical research that they may have some personal connection to while often people's generosity simply stems from the idea that perhaps one day their personal commitment to research may save the life of a friend or loved one.

If you would like to explore the opportunity to help grow the research capabilities of the Dunedin School of Medicine and the Southern District Health Board, the Health Research Office would welcome contact from you



*At Dunedin Hospital, a research study led by an orthopaedic surgeon that involved introducing an innovative screening programme, twenty years ago, has dramatically reduced the number of children requiring hip operations today.*

# PARTNERS IN HEALTH RESEARCH

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you wish to provide support towards research by making a financial contribution please complete this form and return to us at the address on the reverse.

There are three options to direct your funding to, they are:

The **Dunedin School of Medicine** enjoys a strong national and international reputation in teaching, research and community service.

The **Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust** supports a range of health related activities including research for the benefit of communities in Otago.

The **Otago Medical Research Foundation** is a charitable foundation that supports health research in Otago <http://omrf.otago.ac.nz>

I wish to support Health Research and make a donation\* to:

- Dunedin School of Medicine  
 Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust  
 Otago Medical Research Foundation

## MY CONTACT DETAILS ARE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please find enclosed a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

made out to the University of Otago

Or please debit my card to the value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiry date     Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\*Donations are tax deductible