

Lunchtime Presentation:

DATE: 16 September 2014

TIME: 13h00 – 14h00

VENUE: Bill Hoffenberg Conference Room,
Department of Medicine, J47 Old Main
Building, Groote Schuur Hospital

SPEAKER: Dr Judy Katzenellenbogen

Well known epidemiologist originally from South African MRC and now the Western Australian Centre for Rural Health, University of WA

TOPIC: Strengthening commitment to
Aboriginal cardiac health through
research: the Bettering Aboriginal Heart
Health in Western Australia (BAHHWA)
Project

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Dr Judith Katzenellenbogen

August 2014

After working for 5 years as an Occupational Therapist, Dr Judith Katzenellenbogen made a career change to epidemiology and public health in 1986, when she completed an honours degree (cum laude) in epidemiology. She later gained a Master of Science in Medicine (1990) from the University of Cape Town and a PhD from the University of Western Australia (2009).

Judith has a history of working with disadvantaged communities and in health services research. She has skills in epidemiology and project management, having worked on research projects in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia on a range of health conditions including women and child health; breast cancer; abortion; cancer; urbanisation and health; cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. She worked for 10 years for the South African Medical Research Council, coordinating a community based research study in a rural disadvantaged community outside Cape Town and heading the Women's Health division of the Centre for Epidemiological Research in South Africa. In New Zealand she worked predominantly as an epidemiologist for health purchasing authorities in the public sector where she conducted data analysis/synthesis and service evaluation to provide the evidence-base for health policy and funding decisions. She was also involved in research into hospitalisation trends and differentials in NZ at the sub-national level. In Western Australia (WA), she was centrally involved in the WA Burden of Disease Project at the WA Health Department, completing a PhD thesis through the University of WA on the burden of stroke utilising the WA Data Linkage System. Subsequently, she has worked in the area of Aboriginal chronic disease at Curtin University and the University of Western Australia, particularly in applying linked data methods to the study of Aboriginal ischaemic heart disease, building capacity in Aboriginal health and in developing upstream approaches to health. She was awarded an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship starting in 2012, to continue her work into Heart Disease in Aboriginal Western Australians. She has taken a leadership position in building up the Perth office of the Western Australian Centre for Rural Health, University of WA.

Judith has extensive experience in teaching epidemiology at various tertiary institutions in South Africa and New Zealand at both under- and postgraduate levels. She authored an epidemiology textbook suited to the South African context, now in its third edition. She has authored or co-authored 50 journal articles in peer-reviewed journals. She has been active in professional epidemiological associations, most recently convening the 2011 Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Epidemiological Association in Perth.