Hunting and Gathering: Finding and following 58,000 males to investigate their health

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The Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health – Ten To Men – is a new longitudinal study of 58,000 Australian males aged 10-55 aimed at identifying the factors that contribute to the poorer health outcomes in Australian males in general, and in particular sub-groups of males. The seminar will give an overview of the development of the sampling strategy, the recruitment protocols, data linkage and the challenges and opportunities involved in the design and implementation of this large national health study.

Professor Dallas English is the Director of the Centre for Molecular, Environmental, Genetic and Analytic Epidemiology and a cancer epidemiologist. He is a co-Chief Investigator on the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health (Ten To Men). He is also a co-investigator on the Melbourne Collaborative Cohort Study (MCCS), which is based at the Cancer Council Victoria, where he also has an appointment.

Professor Jane Pirkis is the Director of the Centre for Health Policy Programs and Economics at the University of Melbourne and an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow. Her research expertise lies in the areas of suicide and mental illness. She has a particular interest in the impact of these major public health problems on at-risk groups, including males. She is a Co-Chief Investigator on the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health (Ten To Men).

Dr Dianne Currier is Study Coordinator on the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health (Ten To Men). Her research experience is in gender studies and mental health. Prior to joining the study team she was involved in a large epidemiological study of suicide in the US army.

Dr Marisa Schlichthorst is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Molecular, Environmental, Genetic and Analytic Epidemiology. She is currently working on the design and implementation of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health (Ten To Men). Prior to joining the study team she was part of the ‘Improve Young People’s Health’ research program at ARCSHS, La Trobe University.

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