

# ALSWH Experts

ALSWH involves many respected researchers who can provide expert comment on a range of women's health topics.

## **Professor Gita Mishra**

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- social inequality in health
- diet
- weight trajectories
- chronic diseases (CVD, diabetes, depression) related to reproductive health
- menarche, hysterectomy, menopause, symptoms, hormone use
- pregnancy complications and birth outcomes
- statistical methodology relevant to longitudinal and life course data

## **Associate Professor Leigh Tooth**

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- caregiving (predictors of, transitions in, outcomes of)
- social inequalities research (in particular social mobility, education)
- mothers and their children's health
- comorbidity
- chronic disease
- evidence-based practice

## **Professor Annette Dobson**

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- tobacco control / smoking
- statistical methods
- rural health
- chronic disease (e.g. cardiovascular disease, depression, musculoskeletal conditions)
- obesity
- health services use

## **Professor Julie Byles**

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- ageing including; the role of health services, preventative activities, and treatments in maintaining quality of life for older people, and in determining physical, psychological and social factors associated with optimal physical and mental health of women as they age
- risk determination, assessment, screening and diagnostic tests
- health care evaluation, and measurement of health outcomes
- aged care
- mature-age workforce participation and retirement

## **Associate Professor Deborah Loxton**

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- reproductive health
- maternal health
- prenatal and maternal health behaviour
- sole and young motherhood
- the health impact of intimate partner violence and other forms of abuse
- multiple disadvantage and health outcomes

## **Professor Wendy Brown**

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- physical activity and sedentary behaviour (and their determinants, and health outcomes)
- weight and weight gain (determinants and health outcomes across the lifespan)
- health promotion and illness/disease prevention
- prevention and management of chronic illness

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## Professor Jayne Lucke

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- sexual health
- reproductive health, particularly contraceptive use
- patterns of fertility and infertility

## Dr Melissa Harris

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- chronic disease management
- mental health (particularly chronic stress and anxiety)
- role of mental health in physical health (particularly disease onset) and health service outcomes
- health trajectories

## Professor Nancy Pachana

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- links between physical and mental health and social networks and life events
- mental health in later life

## Dr Ingrid Rowlands

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- psychosocial aspects of women's reproductive health
- coping with miscarriage
- quality of life issues for women with gynaecological cancer
- young women's health and wellbeing
- mixed methods research

## Xenia Dolja-Gore

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- inequality and inequity in health service utilisation
- health care evaluation
- chronic conditions (specifically mental health)
- quantitative analyses using large linked datasets
- statistical methods used for causal inference

The Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health (ALSWH) is a longitudinal survey of more than 58,000 women in three cohorts who were aged 18-23, 45-50 and 70-75 when surveys began in 1996. In 2012/13 more than 17,000 young women aged 18-23 were recruited to form a new cohort.

ALSWH assesses women's physical and mental health, as well as psychosocial aspects of health (such as socio-demographic and lifestyle factors) and their use of health services. Since its inception ALSWH has provided invaluable data about the health of women across the lifespan, and informed federal and state government policies across a wide range of issues.

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