



IAGG Global Research Network on Health & Ageing Questionnaire for selection process

Name of the Centre: **Ageing, Work, and Health Research Unit**
Key Investigator / Head of Department: **Professor Hal Kendig, PhD FASSA**
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Description of the Centre:

a) Type of investigations:

- Basic Science / Fundamental
- Clinical Research
- Health Services Research
- Epidemiologic/Public Health Research
- Other

b) Themes investigated (please specify):

- Dementia
- Frailty
- Sarcopenia
- Other Neurodegenerative Disorders
- Geriatric Disorders
- Cardiovascular Risk Factors
- Metabolism
- Ageing research
- Genetics
- Gerontechnology
- Other

c) Number of investigators in ongoing positions:

- Less than 5
- to 10
- More than 10

d) Number of investigators funded by specific projects:

- 1 to 3
- 4 to 5
- More than 5

e) Does your Centre have a:

- Clinical affiliation
- Academic affiliation

f) Does your Centre have a basic sciences program? (Please specify topic)

- Yes **longitudinal research on ageing and health**
- No

If your Centre is affiliated to a Geriatric Department, please provide the following information:

a) Types of units:

- Acute Ward - **Number of beds: 0**
- Outpatient Ward - **Number of patients/year: 0**
- Community Care Unit - **Number of visits/year: 0**

- Day Hospital - **Number of places/day: 0**
- Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit - **Number of beds: 0**
- Long-Term Care - **Number of beds: 0**
- Special Units (stroke, memory, ortho-geriatric, psycho-geriatric) - **Number of beds: 0**

b) Number of staff in the Department:

Geriatric: **0**
 Gerontology: **0**
 Other: **0**

c) Does the Day Hospital have specialist services?

- Dementia / Memory
- Cardiovascular clinic
- Rehabilitation
- Falls assessment clinic
- Parkinson's disease clinic
- Other

d) Does your Geriatric Department already cooperate with supervising clinical trials?

- Yes
- No

Management of the Centre:

a) Is your Centre an existing national or government recognized medical research Centre?

- Yes
- No

b) Does the Centre receive funded grants? (Please specify source)

- Yes **Australian Research Council, National Health and Medical Research Council, etc**
- No

c) Does the Centre collaborate with trials funded by pharmaceutical companies?

- Yes
- No

d) Will the Centre shortly begin investigation projects?

- Yes
- No

Indicate the three main publications over the last 2 years:

1/ Name of Journal: Ageing and Ageing, 39 342-349, 2010.

Title of article: **H. Kendig et al. Health, social and lifestyle factors in entry to residential aged care**

2/ Name of Journal: International Journal of Health Services,40(1), 23-41

Title of article: **P. Bohle et a.l Time to call it quits? The safety and health of older workers**

3/ Name of Journal: British Medical Journal, 340 (15 May), 1042-1043

Title of article: **L. Clemson Prevention of falls in the community: is successful in trial settings, but translation into practice remains a challenge**

Please add short biographies (maximum 1 page) of the Key Investigators and Head of Department

Professor Hal Kendig serves as Head of the Ageing, Work, and Health Research Unit in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney. He is a gerontologist and sociologist with expertise in longitudinal survey research, health behaviours, socio-economic resources, housing and health and community care services and policies. His current research includes the ongoing NHMRC-funded Melbourne Longitudinal Surveys of Healthy Ageing (MELSHA) (led with Professor Colette Browning at Monash University) and the ARC Ageing Babyboomers in Australia (ABBA) research project in partnership

with National Seniors Association and the US AARP. In collaboration with Professor Julie Byles of the University of Newcastle (Australia), and Professor James Nazroo at Manchester University, he is leading the ARC Life Histories and Health project that is examining how the life experiences of the baby boom cohort (born 1946-1950) influence their health, productivity, well-being, and pension and service use at ages 60 to 64 years in 2010-11. From 2011 to 2017 he will serve as a Principal Investigator on the Centre of Research Excellence on Population Ageing conducted by the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney, and the Australian National University. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia, Foundation Fellow of the Australian Epidemiology Association, and Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Australian Association of Gerontology. He serves on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Gerontology (Social Sciences), Ageing and Society, and the Journal of Population Ageing. He served on the UN Research Agenda on Ageing project (2000 to 2008) and the Prime Minister's PMSEIC Working Group on Healthy Ageing (2003). He is a Life Membership of the Council on the Ageing (Australia) and National Seniors Association. In 2003, he was awarded the Centenary Medal for 'outstanding service to aged care and healthy ageing research' and in 2008 he contributed to the Australia 2020 Summit's Long term National Health Strategy. Professor Kendig is recognised internationally for more than 180 publications on health, social, and policy aspects of ageing. He was invited to write the Healthy Ageing chapter in the authoritative Handbook of Social Gerontology (in press). His Who Should Care for the Elderly: An East-West Divide?, edited with William Liu, was awarded the Outstanding Book Award 2001 by the Australasian Journal on Ageing. Professor Deborah Black joined the Faculty of Health Sciences in 2008. She was appointed to the Chair in Health Data Management in 2009 and took over the position as Associate Dean, Staff Development in August, 2009. She serves as a Principal Associate in the Ageing, Work, and Health Research Unit. Professor Black has more than 35 years experience as an applied statistician and is a statistical reviewer for local and international journals. For last 20 years, Deborah has worked as an academic with her teaching and research concentrating on biostatistics and applying statistical models to clinical and health policy issues. She is a recognised expert in the application and analysis of large health data sets to identify public health priorities and the impact of health interventions. Deborah is a Chief Investigator on an ARC Linkage Grant looking at the health and retirement prospects of ageing baby boomers in Australia. Deborah's research focuses on two areas that are having an increasing impact on the burden of disease in Australia - climate change and ageing. Professor Black is a member of the NSW Population & Health Services Research Ethics Committee has been jointly convened by the Cancer Institute NSW and NSW Health, a member of the review panel for the 45 and Up Study and the statistical advisor for the Scientific Review Panel for Northern Hospital Network, NSW Health. Professor Philip Bohle leads the Work and Health Research Team and serves as a Principal Associate in the Unit. His research concentrates on occupational health including working hours, work-life conflict and health; the impact of workplace death on victims' families; the health and safety of ageing workers; and the health and safety effects of precarious employment. The research on working hours and health has contributed substantially to knowledge of structural relationships between working hours, social and organisational support, work-related control, work-life conflict and health. The stream of research on precarious employment, principally conducted in collaboration with Professor Michael Quinlan, has yielded well-cited systematic reviews, empirical studies and contributions to theory on the mechanisms through which precarious employment affects health and safety. The research on workforce ageing includes an NHMRC/ARC project examining individual and organisational variables affecting the work attitudes, workforce participation, and health and safety of older workers. A related project has evaluated the 'work ability' construct and the efficacy of related interventions for improving the health and retention of older workers. Since 2001, this research has attracted over \$6.3million in grant funding from the Australian Research Council, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada). He also jointly authored the innovative, multidisciplinary Managing Occupational Health and Safety (Palgrave Macmillan 1991, 2000, 2010). Professor Bohle has worked at The University of Queensland, Griffith University and The University of New South Wales, where he was Head of the School of Industrial Relations and Organisational Behaviour (2000-2003) and Director of the Industrial Relations Research Centre (2000-2001). He has held visiting appointments at The University of Sheffield, The University of Wales, and The University of Connecticut. Associate Professor Lindy Clemson is a specialist in public health research on ageing and an occupational therapist with a PhD in epidemiology. She leads the Participation, Safety and Ageing Research Team, investigating ways to improve the independence and quality of life of older people and to prevent falls. Her specific focus is on the physical environment, functional capacity and adaptation, daily life activity, enabling participation and preventing falls with older people. She has conducted randomised trials in the area of falls prevention with NHMRC project grant funding, including the successful "Stepping On" falls prevention program. She has contributed to the validation and development of functional assessments for older people related to ageing in place, and more recently conducted implementation research exploring issues of sustainability of fall prevention initiatives. Her falls prevention intervention "Stepping On" has attracted US CDC funding with collaborators at the University of Madison, Wisconsin to investigate its development for the US context. Lindy has over 40 peer reviewed publications, with over half of these on falls prevention, and has produced several practical manuals providing frameworks for practice. She developed the first assessment procedure for identifying fall hazards in the home. This Westmead Home Safety assessment, currently considered a gold standard, is used by numerous universities and clinical settings nationally and internationally. Lindy served on the Board of Directors of the Independent Living Centre for ten years till 2008, has served on the NSW Policy Development Working Party (Falls) and as a NHMRC Grant Review Panel member in 2005 and 2007. She currently serves on the executive of the Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Society and as an invited member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists

International Advisory Group on Accessibility and Participation. She is on the editorial board of the Journal of Aging and Health and the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal.