



### 13. Public health project funding 2004–05

The Public Health Branch of the department funded a number of projects in communicable diseases in 2004/05:

**Topic** *Mycobacterium ulcerans* in Victoria

**Chief investigators** Associate Professor Paul Johnson

**Organisation** Austin Hospital Medical Research Foundation

**Funding awarded** \$79,994

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**Topic** **Implementing Chlamydia screening: attitudes of general practitioners and young women**

**Chief investigators** Professor Christopher Fairley, A/Prof Jane Gunn, Ms Rhian Parker, Ms Jane Hocking

**Organisation** The University of Melbourne (School of Population Health, Melbourne Sexual Health Centre)

**Funding awarded** \$68,480

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**Topic** **A prospective study examining the association between risk taking behaviour for HIV/STI transmission and mental illness and drug and/or alcohol use in men who have sex with men**

**Chief investigators** A/Professor Anne Mijch, Dr Margaret Hellard, Dr Steven Ellen, Dr Tim Read

**Organisation** Bayside Health Service (trading as the Alfred Hospital)

**Funding awarded** \$72,653

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**Topic** **Development of a mathematical model which describes the role of prisons in the epidemiology of hepatitis C in Victoria**

**Chief investigators** Dr Katrina Watson, Dr Donald Watson

**Organisation** St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited

**Funding awarded** \$42,852

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**Topic** **From custody to the community: Reducing HCV transmission among juvenile justice attendees**

**Chief investigators** Dr Margaret Hellard, Professor George Patton, Mr Peter Higgs

**Organisation** Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health

**Funding awarded** \$80,000

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**Topic** **Barriers to implementation of a universal antenatal HIV screening policy in Australia**

**Chief investigators** Dr Margaret Hellard, Dr Michelle Giles, Professor Sharon Lewin

**Organisation** Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health

**Funding awarded** \$27,827

**Topic** **Using the Internet to enhance Chlamydia partner notification for general practitioners in Victoria**

**Chief investigators** Professor Christopher Fairley, Ms Jane Tomnay

**Organisation** The University of Melbourne (School of Population Health, Melbourne Sexual Health Centre)

**Funding awarded** \$10,130

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**Topic** **Evidence base for STI/BBV prevention and treatment and Koori people in prison**

**Chief investigators** Ms Angela Clarke, Ms Karen Adams

**Organisation** Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

**Funding awarded** \$79,190

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**Topic** **Closing the gap between research and practice in self management of osteoarthritis**

**Chief Investigators** A/Prof Sally Green, Ms Denise O'Connor, Dr Sophie Hill, Professor, Simon French

**Organisation** Monash University (Monash Institute of Health Services Research)

**Funding Awarded** \$79,736

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**Topic** **Examining the evidence of the effectiveness and generalisability of chronic disease self management programs**

**Chief investigators** Mrs Jennifer Ham, A/Prof Nick Santamaria, Ms Angela Crombie

**Organisation** Bendigo Health Care Group, Ambulatory and Community Services

**Funding awarded** \$78,781

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**Topic** **Chronic disease self-management and education programs: Where should Victoria go?**

**Chief investigators** Dr Richard Osborne, Dr Caroline Brand

**Organisation** The University of Melbourne (Department of Medicine, Rheumatology, Royal Melbourne Hospital)

**Funding awarded** \$72,947

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**Topic** **Systematic review of chronic disease self management programs; available evidence on CDSM models and current programs in Victoria**

**Chief investigators** Dr Jonathan Shaw, Ms Virginia Hagger, Dr Helen Keleher

**Organisation** International Diabetes Institute

**Funding awarded** \$68,240

**Topic** **Developing nutrition and physical activity guidelines and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**

**Chief investigators** Dr Kevin Rowley, Mr Paul Briggs, Ms Sharon Charles, Ms Rochelle Patten, Ms Julie Calleja

**Organisation** The University of Melbourne (Department of Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital)

**Funding awarded** \$80,000

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**Topic** **Improving local areas to increase physical activity and healthy food choices**

**Chief investigators** A/Professor Anne Kavanagh, A/Prof Damien Jolley, Dr Gavin Turrell

**Organisation** The University of Melbourne (Key Centre for Women's Health, School of Population Health)

**Funding awarded** \$79,959

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**Topic** **The built environment and children's physical activity and weight status**

**Chief investigators** Dr Anna Timperio, Dr Kylie Ball, Dr Jo Salmon

**Organisation** Deakin University (School of Exercise and Nutrition)

**Funding awarded** \$51,356

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**Topic** **Improving health outcomes for elderly people living in a regional and rural environment**

**Chief investigators** A/Professor Susan Bailey, Dr Iain Butterworth, Dr Sally Savage

**Organisation** Deakin University (School of Nursing)

**Funding awarded** \$74,062