

**School of Population Health and the Health Services
Research Association of Australia and New Zealand**

Special Joint Seminar

**Primary care in an ageing society.
Building a model for policy purposes**

**Professor Peter Davis and colleagues from COMPASS
(Centre of Methods and Policy Application in the Social Sciences).**

Date: Wednesday 19th November

Time: 12.30 – 1.30 pm

**Venue: Function Room 220, School of Population
Health, Tamaki Campus, University of
Auckland**

Peter Davis is Professor of Sociology with cross appointments in Statistics and in Population Health. He and his team currently hold grants from the Health Research Council, the Marsden Fund, and the Foundation of Research, Science and Technology. Their focus in these grants is on using existing data and adding value to them with the use of statistical and analytical methods for policy and substantive purposes.

All countries of the developed world are experiencing demographic or structural ageing as birth rates decline and longevity increases. Conventionally it has been assumed that this will have major consequences for health and social expenditure. We have been funded by the Health Research Council to build a computational model that attempts to adopt a more nuanced approach to this issue by constructing a more complex representation of the "problem" including, besides basic epidemiological trends, the role of doctors, families and the community. At this stage we are able to present a plausible empirical prototype of such a model and sketch out its future application.

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