

PhD Scholarship with Adelaide Health Technology Assessment

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Adelaide Health Technology Assessment (AHTA) (www.adelaide.edu.au/ahta) was formed in 2001 in the Discipline of Public Health, School of Population Health and Clinical Practice, at the University of Adelaide. Its role is to produce evidence-based assessments on a wide range of healthcare interventions and services. AHTA has 20 staff, and operates as a strong multidisciplinary team. This team consists of dedicated individuals with backgrounds, variously, in clinical epidemiology, public health, psychology, pharmacy, medicine, health economics, statistics, science and bioethics. AHTA activities are supported by several affiliate academics and clinical consultants.

Research interests include disinvestment from relatively ineffective health care practices, cost-effectiveness as a decision aid for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), direct marketing of tests to consumers, incorporation of community perspectives into formal health technology assessments, 'disease mongering' in applications for reimbursement for health care interventions, health technologies for indigenous Australians, early alert systems for public health interventions to underpin health goals and targets, policy impact of health technology assessment and challenges associated with the introduction of composite technologies.

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