

The Health Research Council announced the following injury-related research projects in the December 2008 issue of its newsletter:

ACC Career Development Awards to:

Dr Audrey McKinlay, University of Canterbury to research: the prevention of adverse outcomes following childhood traumatic brain injury, over 3 years.

Dr Carrie Innes, University of Otago for research into avoiding accidents due to lapses and errors in sleep-deprived people, over 3 years.

The HRC is also funding an international research collaboration focused on Rescuing memory loss after brain injury. The principal investigator in New Zealand is Principle investigator: **Associate Professor John Dalrymple-Alford**, Department of Psychology, University of Canterbury an the lead international partner is: Professor John P. Aggleton, Professor in Psychology and Neuroscience, Cardiff, University, Wales, UK

Research based on data from the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health Study has found a significantly increased risk of poor health among adolescents who began using alcohol or other drugs before the age of 15. Read more..

<http://www.hrc.govt.nz/assets/pdfs/HRC%20News%20December%2008%20final%20L.pdf>

The George Institute, based in Sydney, Australia has received funding to trial a self-managed training programme for people who have experienced a hip fracture to prevent further falls. Read more:

http://www.thegeorgeinstitute.org/shadomx/apps/fms/fmsdownload.cfm?file_uid=61CAB6CF-CE30-1699-93AC-A99384B72AED&siteName=iih

The George Institute will research feasible, evidence-based interventions aimed at increasing the correct use of appropriate child restraints in vehicles. Read more:

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The George Institute will release results of DRIVE, the largest study of young drivers ever undertaken in 2009. Read more:

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Monash Univerity's Accident Research Centre, based in Melbourne, Australia is conducting an evaluation of the Safe Taxi Rank Trial. Read more:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/projects/safetaxi.html>