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### **Professor Jane Gunn Appointed to NHMRC Research Committee 2009 - 2012**

In a recent announcement by the Australian Government, Professor Jane Gunn was appointed as a member of the NHMRC Research Committee for a three year term to 30 June 2012.

The NHMRC Research Committee's major role is to provide advice and make recommendations on research grant applications and funding (\$700M in 2009) for health and medical research projects, programs, scholarships, fellowships and infrastructure support. It also plays a vital role in providing advice on matters relating to medical research and public health research, including the quality and scope of such research in Australia. The Research

Committee is a Principal Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council which provides advice to the NHMRC's CEO, Professor Warwick Anderson.

Professor Jane Gunn MBBS, FRACGP, DRANZCOG, PhD is the inaugural Chair of Primary Care Research and Head of the Department of General Practice at the University of Melbourne. A general practitioner, her current research interests include depression and related disorders. She serves on a number of professional committees such as the *beyondblue* Victorian Centre of Excellence and is a member of both the National Prescribing Service Research and Development Working Group and the Steering Committee for the National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing. She has been Chair and member of NHMRC grant review panels and serves on the editorial boards and advisory panels of several prestigious journals. In 2008, she was awarded the Bridges-Webb Medal by the Australian Association for Academic General Practice.

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