

EXIT SEMINAR**Sun Exposure and Risk of Paediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease
(PIBD)****Presenter:** Ann Holmes PhD studentThursday 20th August 2020, Time 12.30 – 13:00[Zoom Link](#)

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Prior to joining the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) at the Australian National University, Ms Holmes worked as a science and head teacher in the NSW education system for 35 years. She is now a final year PhD student at NCEPH and Population Health.

Abstract

Inflammatory bowel diseases, including Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and unidentified inflammatory bowel disease are incurable and of no known cause. In children they are particularly concerning as they can result in delayed growth and more severe symptoms than in adults. Symptoms include abdominal pain, nausea and diarrhoea. Ann has been investigating a possible association between exposure to sunlight or vitamin D as a risk factor for the pathogenesis of these diseases in children and adolescents under 18 years of age. This seminar relates the tasks undertaken for this investigation and the conclusions to be drawn.