

# **Dr. Holly Seale**

**Associate Professor at School of Population Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health,  
University of New South Wales**

Sydney, , AU

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## **Biography**

Dr Holly Seale is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHMC), University of New South Wales. Her original qualifications were in biomedical science, she then transitioned into public health by undertaking a PhD at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance. Her PhD completed through the University of Sydney examined the epidemiology of cytomegalovirus in Australia. At the SPHMC, she is the Program Director for the Masters of Infectious Disease Intelligence and is responsible for convening three master's courses. She supervises a large group of students including medical students, master's coursework, PhD and those undertaking a professional doctorate. She leads a program of research that is focused on the attitudes and behaviours of consumers and health providers and how they impact on engagement with public health and health service strategies. She has an interest in improving awareness and acceptance of immunisation amongst special at-risk groups including children and adults with chronic medical conditions, and refugees and migrants (travellers). She is recognised for her work around occupational vaccination, having undertaken both qualitative and quantitative research focused on hospital and primary care healthcare providers as well as childcare and aged care staff. This work has led to invitations to collaborate on studies in Europe and China. As the Deputy Chair of the Collaboration on Social Science in Immunisation, she has strong connections across Australia and internationally focused on the issue of vaccine hesitancy in the community. This network facilitates collaborations to shape questions, methodologies and help translation. It also offers opportunities to undertake research projects that traditionally have been limited in their scope or location. This network provides training through monthly network teleconferences and yearly meetings.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

COVID-19, Applied Sociology, Program Evaluation and Social Impact Assessment, Public Health and Health Services, Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Coronavirus

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## **Affiliations**

Member, Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases, Member, Public Health Association Australian, Member, Asian-Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza , Member, Influenza Specialist Group, Board Member, Franklin Women (NSW)

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## **Education**

**The University of Sydney**  
M.P.H. Public Health

**The University of Sydney**  
Ph.D. Philosophy

**University of Technology, Sydney**  
B.Sc. Biomedical Science

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## **Accomplishments**

**CAPHIA Team Research Award**  
2017

**All-rounder award**  
2011 School of Public Health and Community Medicine

**Alan Hodgkinson Award for Teaching**  
2016 School of Public Health and Community Medicine

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