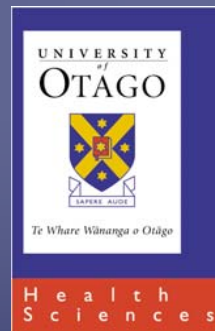




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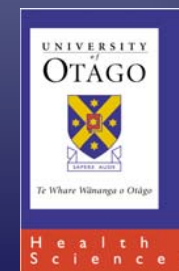
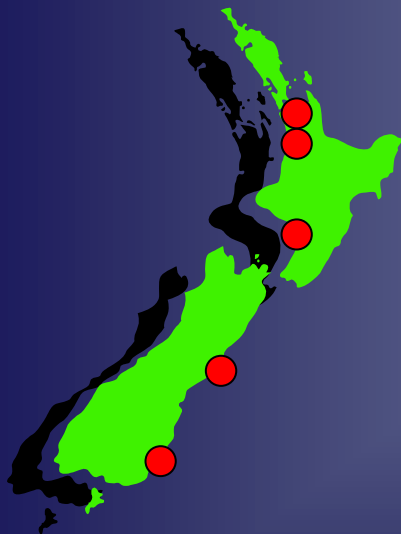
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1. Research about people throughout their lives
2. University of Otago Research Centre
3. Currently partnership between:





MISSION AND AIMS

Our mission is to conduct and apply high-quality research that informs policy and practice to improve the lives of New Zealanders.

- **TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**

Produce a range of resources tailored to meet the needs of different stakeholders

- **NEW RESEARCH**

Enhance New Zealand's position as an international leader in lifecourse research, by establishing partnerships and maximising opportunities for collaboration

- **CAPABILITY BUILDING**

Train the next generation of scientists and engage the public by bringing science to life in innovative ways

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

- **DEFICIT MODEL**

One way communication of evidence-base to; scientists know stuff and have 'answers', policymakers and public need to learn it...



Yes, it's quite a noise - but are we having any impact?

A NEW(ish) APPROACH

- **‘DISCURSIVE’ OR ‘ENGAGEMENT’ MODEL**

Involve policymakers and public at the beginning of the research process, and allow their knowledge to influence research questions.

Evidence-base then feeds back to answer relevant policy / public interest questions, and knowledge has been exchanged.