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Education

Ph.D., 1991, Otago University, New Zealand

Research Interests

-Social Determinants of Health

My research seeks to link macro social forces -- such as income distribution, social cohesion and social capital, inequalities in political participation, and residential segregation -- to patterns of health and disease in populations. Studies in progress feature both ecologic and multi-level designs, with a variety of health outcomes (mortality, morbidity, quality of life).

-Psychosocial Risk Factors for Heart Disease

This area of research links psychosocial factors to risk of heart disease. Ongoing studies focus on: work environment (job stress, shift work); personality and negative emotions (anger, hostility, anxiety, and depression); as well as the protective effects of social networks and support. These studies are being carried out in diverse cohort studies: the Nurses' Health Study and Nurses' Health Study II in women; the Health Professionals Follow-up Study and VA Normative Aging Study in men.

-Smoking and Health

Studies include the effects of passive smoking on disease risk.

Select Publications

- Kawachi I, Kim D, Subramanian SV (eds). *Social Capital and Health*. New York: Springer, 2008 (in press).

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