Masculinity, mental health, and suicidal thoughts and behaviours: Early findings from Ten to Men

Professor Jane Pirkis

12:30-1:30pm
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Rm 410 Level 4, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton

Ten to Men (the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health) involves a national sample of 15,988 Australian males aged 10-55 who were recruited in 2013-14 via a multi-level, clustered sampling strategy. Wave 1 (baseline) data were collected at this time via questionnaire and/or interview (depending on the individual participant’s age), and our plan is to follow the cohort up every 2-3 years, beginning with Wave 2 in 2015-16. Ten to Men has a deliberate emphasis on the social and cultural determinants of health. This presentation will focus on the relationship between masculinity and various mental health indicators, including depression and suicidal thoughts and behaviours.

Professor Jane Pirkis is the Director of the Centre for Mental Health and currently holds a National Health and Medical Council Senior Research Fellowship.

She prides herself on conducting research that is useful to policymakers and practitioners. Her research is conducted within a population health framework, and involves epidemiological studies of risk and protective factors for mental illness and suicide, as well as evaluations of large-scale mental health and suicide prevention programs.

These seminars are free of charge. Visitors are welcome to attend. A light luncheon will be served prior to the seminar start. For more information contact the Centre for Mental Health +61 3 8344 0710