

Professor Debra Anderson

Current Appointments:

- Dean Faculty of Health, University of Technology Sydney
- Co-Consul General, World Health Organisation Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development Collaborating Centres, World Health Organisation, 2022-current

An accomplished academic leader with a distinguished research record and global influence in the field of women's health and the prevention of chronic disease through lifestyle modifications. Recognised for being a visionary, supportive and inclusive leader; she engages teams in strategic goals, empowers leaders to take accountability, and brings measurable success leading the accomplishment of goals and transformation projects. National and international research projects have attracted millions of dollars in funding and collaborations with the world's most respected research institutions including: The World Health Organization, Peking University, Kings College London, University of Massachusetts, and key organizations including Diabetes Qld, Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Qld, and Stroke Foundation. A proactive networker, she builds and leverages deep relationships with industry, Government, and health organisations.

Contributions to research: Anderson is the Director of The Women's Wellness Research Collaborative www.wellnessresearch.org.au and DAWN Complete Health and Wellbeing, www.dawncomplete.org.au which brings together a range of disciplines in chronic disease. Professor Anderson has been leading a team of international researchers to identify patterns and clusters of risk factors impacting on women's health. This knowledge has then been translated into strategies to reduce the risk of disease and, in turn, maximise health and wellbeing in women across settings, populations and disease groups.

Throughout her career, she has focused on mentoring the next generation of health professionals. Through the establishment of the women's wellness research group, she has continually provided support, supervision and mentoring to higher degree research students. She has supervised a total of 24 PhDs and 4 Masters students to completion. She has also supervised five postdoctoral fellows to completion, four of whom have achieved post-doctoral fellows and awards.

Research funding: Over the last 20 years she has secured over \$15.5 million dollars in funding from peak bodies such as the MRFF, National Health and Medical Research Council, The Australian Research Council, Diabetes Queensland, and Cancer Council Queensland.

Research outputs (including H index (Scopus), i10 index, total peer reviewed publications, total citations): Anderson has published 286 publications, 8 books or monographs, 7 book chapters, and protocols for Cancer Australia. She has an h-index of 42 (Google scholar), a h-index of 88 (j10 index) total citations 5218 have been cited in 51 different countries (2014-2020). More than half of her publications are in the top 25% outputs by SJR. Excellent exemplars of her publications include *The Lancet Public Health*, (2019) (top 1% of journal percentiles), PLoS Medicine; Journal of Medical Internet Research and Human Reproduction (all in the top 5% of journal percentiles).

Collaborations: She is a collaborator on the Australian Longitudinal Women's Health Study and a Chief Investigator on a global study of a life course approach to women's health (The InterLACE Study: International collaboration for a Life course Approach to reproductive health, lifestyle factors and Chronic disease Events) which is providing a unique opportunity to conduct world-leading research in collaboration with key national and international investigators on women's health studies from six nations. The international team includes scholars from the WHO, University of Massachusetts, Vanderbilt University, University College, London, University of California, University of Washington, University of Hawaii, University of Leeds, Wake Forest University and Universities from Norway and

Sweden. The findings from this research are providing solutions to answers on how reproductive stages in life are related to the development and management of chronic disease in later life including CVD, Diabetes and Cancer.

International Standing: She has a distinguished international reputation as a scholar and leader in the field of women's health research. This reputation has been achieved through extensive publication, leadership of the women's wellness research team, conferences, and editorial work, and invited keynote presentations on her research to academic conferences, including twice to Harvard University, four times to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and three times to the World Health Organization.

Professional involvement: Director, SIGMA Board (2022- current), Board member, SIGMA International Foundation Board (2020-2022); Board Member International Council of Women's Health Issues (2015-current) Invited Editorial Board member: Menopause; the Journal of the North American Menopause Association; Midlife Women's Health; Named as an Obesity Expert, World Health Organisation 2017; Global Task Force, World Health Organisation Strategic Directions in Nursing and Midwifery 2010-15