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My original nursing training (in all three main streams of hospital, district, and maternal and child health) has served me well as the foundation for a career in public health. My transition from hospital and community health practice into public health happened somewhat serendipitously through joining a research team investigating meningococcal disease, and I have remained happily in public health research, practice, and education ever since.

I have specific research interests in the epidemiology of communicable diseases and the outcomes of community-based programmes (in non-urban and international health settings). I have worked in some areas of disaster management, for in risk communication especially following the disastrous bushfires in Victoria in 2009, and the use of the arts in public health settings. These seemingly diverse interests have provided terrific opportunities to observe, learn, and apply a wide variety of data collection and analysis techniques, so that my colleagues refer to me as a 'methodologist' rather than a researcher using specific techniques.

I have been involved in teaching programmes for my entire career, initially as a fieldwork teacher and supervisor, then as a subject teacher and coordinator, and then as the coordinator of the MPH programme at my institution.

I am also an editor on two journals – *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health* and *Australian Epidemiologist*.

Outside of these responsibilities I am a member of the scientific committee of the Confederation of Meningitis Organisations, and sit on two boards, one a local NGO and the other a hospital board.