

## Keynote Speaker Bio

### Dr Isobel Martin, MPH, PhD

After extensive experience as a health professional, Isobel Martin worked for 10 years in full-time respiratory research with the Canterbury Respiratory Research Group, Christchurch School of Medicine, before taking up a position as Senior Lecturer and Director of the RNZCGP Research Unit, in the Department of General Practice, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, New Zealand.



Her research focus is on allergy, asthma and other respiratory diseases. Recent research in the UK looked at quality of life and patient compliance with allergen avoidance measures. Current research includes a large epidemiological study looking at the attitudes and beliefs about allergen avoidance in health professionals and patients. This experience has led to her being involved in the recent development of the New Zealand Asthma Guidelines.

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