

# Chronic Disease

## A global problem in need of a global solution

Chronic disease causes many deaths, more than all infectious diseases combined. In the developing world it has reached pandemic proportions. Interventions are complex and most are beyond simply the health sector. The global actions on tobacco provide a good example of how a wide range of organisations, civil society, patients and business can provide a co-ordinated global response to a problem. Chronic disease is a global problem in need of a global solution.

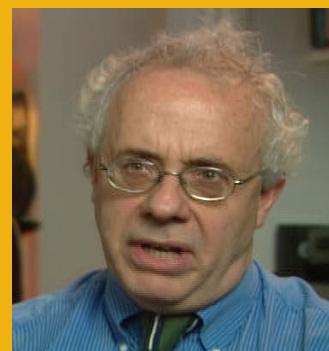
The Menzies Centre for Health Policy is pleased to welcome:

### Richard Smith

Director, UnitedHealth Chronic Disease Initiative  
and former Editor of the *British Medical Journal*.

The UnitedHealth Chronic Disease Initiative is collaborating on a global program with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. This is a program to create centres in the developing world to counter the pandemic of chronic disease (cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, chronic respiratory disease, and the cancers caused by smoking, poor diet, and physical inactivity.) The programme is funding centres in China, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Tunisia, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Central America, Argentina, Peru, and the US Mexico Border.

A member of the board of the Public Library of Science and chair of the Cochrane Library oversight committee, he is also the editor of *Cases Journal* (a journal that aims to publish tens of thousands of case reports a year and gather them in a database), an honorary professor at the University of Warwick, chair of the board of Patients Know Best (a start up that uses information technology to improve doctor patient partnership), a member of the governing council of St George's, University of London, and a member of the UK Panel on Research Integrity in Health and Biomedical Science



**Professor Stephen Leeder**, Director, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, will respond to the presentation.

**Dr Jim Gillespie**, Deputy Director, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, will moderate the discussion.

**Date:** Monday, 22 March

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Refreshments:** are available from 4.30 pm and at the conclusion of the seminar

**Venue:** Conference Rooms, The Darlington Centre, The University of Sydney  
(Map reference J9 on [http://www.facilities.usyd.edu.au/maps/docs/guide\\_campdar\\_a4map.pdf](http://www.facilities.usyd.edu.au/maps/docs/guide_campdar_a4map.pdf))

**RSVP:** Email [mchp@sydney.edu.au](mailto:mchp@sydney.edu.au) by Tuesday, 16 March. Seats are limited!

**Cost:** This seminar is free of charge.

**More information at:**

[http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events\\_upcoming.php](http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events_upcoming.php)

Richard Smith is in Australia as a guest of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

