

Centre for Health Economics

Seminar Series

‘Of life and limb: Measuring the burden of non-fatal injury’

Presented by

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The individual and community burden of non-fatal injury is increasingly becoming the focus of clinical, preventive and health services research. Research of this kind relies on valid and reliable measures, suitable for use at the population level, which can accurately predict the outcomes of injury. At present, there are three methods used to estimate the burden of injury, using preference-based measures, at the population level. The findings of the research reported here suggest that current methods of estimating the burden of injury, at the population level, do not provide valid estimates of the burden of injury and, as such should not be used for public health priority setting in injury prevention until further research has been conducted and the methods refined.

Presenter

Wendy has worked in injury prevention research at Monash University Accident Research Centre for some thirteen years. During that time she has been particularly active in the areas of consumer product safety and in the costing of injury. Her main research interests are outcomes measurement and the determinants of disability following injury. Wendy has recently been awarded her PhD for research into the validity of current population-based measures of the burden of injury. She has also presented her work at national and international conferences, provided advice on the economic costing of injury to various organizations and sectors and was recently invited by the WHO to participate in an Expert Consultation on Estimating the Economic Burden of Violence in Geneva.

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