

Shirley Russ

Biographical Sketch

Dr Shirley Russ MB, ChB, MRCP, FRACP, MPH, MD is Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, UCLA in the Department of Primary Care Pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Trained as a pediatrician in both England and Australia, Dr Russ completed her Fellowship in Developmental/ Behavioral Pediatrics at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Russ was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council Public Health Scholarship to implement and evaluate the statewide Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program. This study led to a series of peer-reviewed publications, and she subsequently received the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation's "Research into Practice" award. At Cedars-Sinai, Dr Russ was medical director of Children's HEALTH, a school-linked project aimed at linking children with a range of developmental and behavioral challenges, including hearing loss, with appropriate services.

Since 2004 Dr Russ has collaborated with the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities on a series of projects related to a lifecourse approach to health development and its implications for child health policy and practice, and systems of care for children with developmental challenges. She co-authored the chapter on Healthcare in the recent Encyclopedia of Infant and Early Childhood Development. She is a member of the UCLA-American Academy of Pediatrics Design Team for the second National Survey of Early Childhood Health, due to be fielded in 2008. She is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Academic Pediatrics Association (APA) Research Committee

In 2006 Dr Russ co-chaired the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) eight-state learning collaborative "Reducing Loss to Follow-Up after Newborn Hearing Screening by working through the Medical Home" funded by the US Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). In 2008 she chaired an Invitational Expert Meeting convened by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Office on Disability on "Accelerating Evidence-Based Recommendations into Practice for the Benefit of Children with Early Hearing Loss." This meeting included representation from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Centers for Disease Control, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute for Deafness and Communication Disorders and was charged with recommending priority areas for moving evidence into practice. Dr Russ' main research interests are the epidemiology of childhood hearing loss, building systems of care for children with developmental challenges, and using qualitative and quantitative methods to measure program outcomes.