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Royal Women's Hospital researcher in 'Top 10'

Professor Suzanne Garland of the Royal Women's Hospital has been named as one of the top 10 health researchers in Australia.

Professor Garland is Director of Microbiological Research and Head of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the Women's.

Her work is highlighted in a new publication, '*10 of the Best Research Projects 2010*', launched today by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler

Professor Garland's profile is titled, 'Sexual healer: Making Australian women healthier'. She incorporated a large-scale study of women in remote, rural and urban Australia to determine the frequency of various strains of HPV (human papillomavirus) and other work contributing to the development of the HPV vaccine.

The '*10 of the Best*' covers diverse areas of research from post-traumatic stress disorder to cancer, and the research outcomes highlighted in the booklet have been internationally recognised - and in some cases are leading the development of international practice. The booklet has been written for the general public to demonstrate the benefits of research resulting from public investment.

Mr Butler said that there is a growing recognition that health and medical research is a building block to better health, and allows for an earlier diagnosis and better treatment of serious conditions that can be the difference between a healthy, happy life and one filled with disability and limitations.

"I congratulate the researchers highlighted in the '*10 of the Best*' and encourage them, as well as the next generation of researchers, to continue their important work and keep Australia on the cutting edge of health and medical research. The work they do is changing our system and changing lives".

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