

Maternal-infant Child Health and Environment Research Symposium:
“How Local Research can Influence Policy and Practice”

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Anita Kozyrskyj joined the Department of Pediatrics on July 1, 2008, after spending 8 years at the University of Manitoba where she was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Medicine (Pediatrics & Child Health, Community Health Sciences). She obtained her MSc and PhD in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Kozyrskyj received a CIHR New Investigator Award in 2003.

Dr. Kozyrskyj is an epidemiologist-health services researcher, with expertise in population-based studies using Manitoba's prescription and health care databases. Her research spans several areas, from the early life origins (eg, antibiotic use, maternal distress) of childhood asthma to policy research on pharmaceuticals. The latter includes a report for the Romanow Commission. She has held several CIHR grants which created the Study of Asthma, Genes and the Environment (SAGE), a novel birth cohort of 14,000 Manitoba children established from health care database records, with data linkages to clinical assessments, home environment exposures and biologic samples. SAGE is following 723 children in detail, with a current focus on overweight, stress and asthma in adolescence, and has generated 15 publications to date.