

Ingrid Rowlands

Ingrid Rowlands' interests focus on young women's health, particularly the psychosocial aspects of women's reproductive health. Ingrid has a background in psychology, completing both her undergraduate and doctoral studies within The School of Psychology at The University of Queensland. In her PhD she used data from over 14,000 young women born in 1973-78 in the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health (ALSWH) to examine women's adjustment to miscarriage. Following this, she worked as a postdoctoral research fellow at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute on a national, Australian study of women with endometrial cancer, focusing on women's quality of life following treatment. In this role, she also led a study exploring young women's fertility concerns following a diagnosis of gynaecological cancer. In 2014, Ingrid moved back to The University of Queensland, working within The Centre for Research Excellence in Women's Health in the 21st Century (CREWH21). Ingrid's current work within CREWH21 focuses on the physical, mental and reproductive health and health service use of a new cohort of 17,000 young women, born in 1989-95, who were first surveyed in 2012 when they were aged 18-23. Ingrid is comparing the outcomes of these young women to the original cohort of young women (born in 1973-78) who were surveyed 17 years previously when they were also aged 18-23. This enables changes in women's health and wellbeing to be examined against the backdrop of policy changes over the past 17 years.