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**Research interests** – The Gastroenterology Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital has a global reputation of developing and applying non-invasive tests to study gut function in health and disease, upper gastrointestinal motility and its basic clinical research including micronutrients as potential therapies for gut disease.

My main research is focused on zinc nutrition and metabolism in particular zinc absorption capacity in human populations at risk of zinc deficiency. As well as investigating the efficacy of zinc as a potential therapy for gastrointestinal diseases and infections in animal models and applying to human conditions such as Coeliac Disease, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Helicobacter-induced peptic ulcer disease.

The Gastroenterology Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital has excellent facilities for biomedical research and provides an excellent forum for interactions between scientists and clinicians for fostering clinical and evidence-based research.