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QUALIFICATIONS

MPhil (Epidemiology); (PhD (Public Health))

BIOSKETCH

Richard is Director of the South African Medical Research Council's Burden of Disease Research Unit.

He also co-ordinates the Violence and Injury Research programme at the University of Cape Town's Division of Public Health Medicine, where he holds the position of Honorary Professor.

His research centres on measuring the health and social burden of violence and injury, and evaluating interventions and policies that target upstream determinants.

He is a Steering Committee Member of the International Collaborative Effort on Injury Statistics and Methods, a Member of the Editorial Board for Injury Prevention and a Member of the Convening Committee, National Organising Committee and Scientific Committee for the 16th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion – Safety 2026.

He is PI on the NIHR-funded Collaboration for Home reduction and Alcohol Safety in the Environment in Southern Africa (CHASE-SA) and Gates Foundation-funded Optimising SAPRIN data for surveillance in South Africa. NRF rated B3 scholar.



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