

## WITSIE AT THE CUTTING EDGE: Researcher Profile

**Dr Alisha Wade**

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Dr Alisha Wade joined the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism in September 2010 as a Clinical Scientist, after completing her fellowship in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of Pennsylvania, where she also holds an adjunct appointment as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. Her research interests lie in the exploration of the determinants of the chronic disease epidemic in developing countries and the development of effective interventions. To this end, she has developed a very effective collaboration with Professors Stephen Tollman and Kathy Kahn in the MRC/Wits Rural Public Health and Health Transitions Research Unit in the School of Public Health. She also works on a joint initiative between the Diseases of Lifestyle Thrust and School of Public Health to bring a greater coherence to chronic disease research within the Faculty.



Alisha also has a very keen interest in promoting research among clinicians in the Faculty. She has reinstituted a monthly Divisional Research Meeting which provides a forum for Divisional researchers and collaborators to present planned and ongoing work for internal peer review. This has been particularly useful for postgraduate students preparing to present their research protocols for assessment. Alisha supervises five MMed students and is looking forward to establishing a vibrant cohort of PhD students within the Division. Furthermore, she is the principal investigator on a study of the barriers and incentives to research at all career levels within the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences.

In addition to her medical degree, which she obtained with Honours from the University of the West Indies, Alisha holds a DPhil in Clinical Medicine from the University of Oxford where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Alisha is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, as well as Internal Medicine.

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