



Anthony Rodgers is Professor of Global Health at The George Institute, Sydney. He has 20 years' experience in health research, public-private partnerships and innovation.

Professor Rodgers helped initiate and run several landmark trials in prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. He also helped start and the Asia Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration, involving more than 50 studies and 600,000 participants that assessed the determinants of cardiovascular disease in the region.

Professor Rodgers was the Principal Author of the 2002 World Health Report, the main annual publication of the World Health Organization. The 2002 report was entitled "Reducing risks, promoting healthy life" and involved over 20 world expert working groups. The Report assessed burden of disease due to a wide range of risks to health, ranging from climate change to micronutrient deficiencies, around the globe using a common metric. The report also evaluated relevant interventions, their cost-effectiveness and appropriate policy options.

Professor Rodgers was formerly Director at the Clinical Trials Research Unit, in Auckland, and helped developed several now-independent research programs addressing some of these major health risks.

Professor Rodgers has led several public-private collaborations aimed at scaling up effective technologies. For example, he developed a world first cell phone based smoking cessation programme for youth, which has been validated in two randomized trials involving over 6,000 people. The service has been integrated in to Quitline in in New Zealand and is being implemented in the USA, UK, Canada and elsewhere.

Professor Rodgers has also led a public-private partnership to develop an affordable 'polypill' (a four-in-one cardiovascular combination pill), with ongoing clinical trials in Australasia, India, Europe and Brazil.

Professor Rodgers graduated in medicine in the United Kingdom and trained in epidemiology and public health in New Zealand.