

University of Pretoria CEU

This year is proving to be an exciting one in our unit's short history! The University of Pretoria School of Health Systems and Public Health, together with the CEU, now offers a Master of Science course in Clinical Epidemiology. Nine students are currently registered for this modular two-year course. The unit has also linked with a private consultant in health economics; thereby securing for us a major contract for pharmacoeconomic evaluations with Aventis Pharma (Pty) Ltd. Specifically a pharmacoeconomics development grant has been provided that will enhance our capacity in this field.

The unit is also actively involved in diabetes research, evaluating aspects on the knowledge and attitudes towards the diabetic foot, utility of exercise, complications such as atherosclerosis, and behavioral aspects of diabetes care such as patient satisfaction, quality of life, and quality of care. Further, the University has provided partial funding for the CEU's work on pulse wave velocity as a marker of vascular disease in diabetes.

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