

## **ABSTRACT FROM THE STAR RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED (2008)**

**Title: Chronic Conditions and Care: Perspectives of Pacific older People**

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The purpose of this study is to record and interpret the experiences of 100 Pacific older people with chronic conditions and their primary informal caregivers in Auckland and Hawkes Bay. The study is based on life stories and experiences with the health care system. The study will determine the factors for successful interactions between Pacific older people with chronic conditions and primary health care services, as well as highlighting the implications of care for the wellbeing and cultural integrity of Pacific communities. There will be representation from each of the main Pacific groups in New Zealand. Key themes and concepts will be taken to an expert reference group for analysis and discussion as well as to service providers for validation. The information provided will contribute to the development of models of chronic care that are flexible, address family dynamics and take into account traditional and contemporary Pacific views of health.