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Metro South Health Research Support Scheme and PA Research Foundation Research Awards



Recipient list – funding commencing 1 January 2021

NOVICE RESEARCHER GRANTS

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Ms Minna Grahvendy	Cancer Trials Unit, Division of Cancer Services <i>An electronic, Patient-Reported platform for capturing Adverse Event data in the Cancer Trials Unit (ePRAE-CTU)</i> Team Dr Bena Brown - PAH, Dr Laurelie Wishart - CFAHR, Adrienne See - PAH, Prof Sandro Porceddu - PAH, Prof Ray Chan – QUT/PAH	PAH
Dr Geoffrey Eather	Respiratory and Sleep Medicine & Metro South Clinical Tuberculosis Service, Division of Medicine <i>Diagnostic utility of tests of latent tuberculosis in immune compromised contacts exposed to multi-drug resistant tuberculosis</i> Team A/Prof Rachel Thomson – UQ/PAH, A/Prof Antje Blumenthal – UQ, Prof John Upham UQ/PAH, Mr Kelly Perkins - PAH	PAH
Dr Amy Johnson	Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Division of Medicine <i>Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in diabetes clinics and primary care: long-term clinical outcomes following a screening intervention for advanced fibrosis</i> Team Prof Elizabeth Powell - PAH, Dr Kelly Hayward - PAH, Leigh Horsfall – PAH, Dr Preya Patel - PAH, Dr Suzanne Williams – Inala Primary Care	PAH
Ms Erin Kelly	Speech Pathology, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Improving services for patients with Disorders of Consciousness (DoC) in a Neurosciences Unit: Implementation & evaluation of a family and staff DoC education package as standard care</i> Team Maeve O'Neill - PAH, Dr Emma Finch - UQ/PAH	PAH
Ms Sarah Day	Nutrition and Dietetics, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>What are the functional outcomes and service experiences of patients with head and neck cancer treated during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i> Team Dr Bena Brown - PAH, Jocelyn Foo - PAH, Dr Jodie Nixon - PAH, Kate Davis - PAH, Mair Emlyn-Jones - PAH, Mary Whitehead - PAH	PAH

INNOVATION (Seed) GRANTS

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Prof Carmel Hawley	Department of Nephrology, Division of Medicine <i>Validation of Clinical Trial Outcomes Using Hospital Administrative Data – A Data Linkage Methodology Project</i> Team Prof Jason Pole – UQ, A/Prof Rathika Krishnasamy – UQ, A/Prof David Mudge – Redland, Dr Ken Tan – Logan, Veronica Oliver - PAH	PAH
A/Prof Matthew Gullo	Alcohol and Drug Assessment Unit, Division of Medicine <i>iAx: Enhancing assessment & progress monitoring in stimulant use disorder</i> Team Prof Jason Connor - PAH, Dr Gerald Feeney - PAH, Dr Paul Clark - PAH, Dr Jason Coates - PAH	PAH
Dr Heather Batten	Physiotherapy, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Lower-limb prosthetic utilisation following inpatient rehabilitation</i> Team Mr Shea Teevan - PAH, Dr Salih Salih – PAH, A/Prof Paul Varghese – PAH, Prof Suzanne Kuys - ACU	PAH
Dr Emma Finch	Physiotherapy, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Developing an innovative, co-designed, goal-based, telehealth communication intervention for people with brain tumours & their families</i> Team Erin Kelly – PAH, A/Prof Sarah Olson	PAH

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER GRANTS

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Dr Wen Xu	Medical Oncology, Division of Cancer Services <i>Spatial transcriptomics of the tumour microenvironment in melanoma brain metastasis</i> Team Dr Arutha Kulasinghe - QUT, A/Prof Mark Pinkham - PAH, A/Prof Victoria Atkinson - PAH, A/Prof Paul Leo - QUT, Duncan Lambie - PAH, Sarah Olson - PAH	PAH
Dr Andrew Henderson	Infection Management Services, Division of Medicine <i>A prospective analysis of the beta-lactam resistome of Enterobacteriales bloodstream pathogens and their effect on beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor therapy</i> Team A/Prof Geoffrey Playford – PAH, Dr Evan Bursle - PAH, Dr Patrick Harris – UQ, Prof Jason Roberts – UQ/RBWH	PAH
Ms Louise Bassingthwaighe	Occupational Therapy, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Community access and participation following acquired brain injury: A mixed methods evaluation of the driving assessment process including outcomes, lifespace, and the efficacy of on-road driving remediation</i> Team Prof Louise Gustafsson – Griffith Uni, Prof Matthew Molineux – Griffith Uni, Dr Darshan Shah – UQ/GCUH, Dr Ryan Bell - PAH	PAH

CO-FUNDED COLLABORATION GRANTS

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Mr Aaron Cheong	Pharmacy Department, Division of Medicine <i>Co-production of innovative educational strategies to optimise utilisation of the pharmacy assistant workforce</i> Co-funded by Griffith University Health Group Team Mr. Chen Foo – Logan, Dr. Fiona Kelly - Griffith Uni, Dr Sara McMillan - Griffith Uni, A/Prof Gary Grant - Griffith Uni, A/Prof Shailendra Anoopkumar-Dukie - Griffith Uni	Logan
Dr Laurelie Wishart	Centre for Functioning and Health Research <i>Developing a robust evaluation framework for the clinical and economic evaluation of allied health primary contact clinics</i> Co-funded by Griffith University Health Group Team Dr Joshua Byrnes – Griffith Uni, Prof Liz Ward Allied - Logan, Dr Maria Schwarz - Logan, Anne Coccetti - MSH, Dr Masnoon Saiyed - Griffith Uni, Rachel Phillips - PAH	MSH
Prof Sandra Porceddu	Radiation Oncology, Division of Cancer Services <i>Multiplex Spatial Profiling of the tumour microenvironment in patients with cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma exposed to immunotherapy – TUMIC STUDY</i> Co-funded by QUT Team Dr Arutha Kulasinghe - QUT/PAH, Dr Rahul Ladwa – PAH, Dr Wen Xu - PAH, Prof Gabrielle Belz - UQDI, Dr Caroline Cooper – PAH, Dr James Bowman - PAH	PAH
A/Prof Anthony Russell	Diabetes and Endocrinology, Division of Medicine <i>Cell therapies for improved treatment of diabetic foot ulcers (DFUs)</i> Co-funded by QUT Team A/Prof Mike Doran – QUT, Dr Janin Chandra - UQDI, A/Prof Matthew Hope - PAH, Dr Kathryn Futrega - QUT, A/Prof Travis Klein - QUT, Eamonn McKenna - QUT	PAH
Prof Ruth Hubbard	Geriatric and Rehabilitation Unit, Division of Medicine <i>A step forward against ageing: wearable assistive devices in fit and frailer older people</i> Co-funded by UQ Faculty of Medicine Team Dr Taylor Dick - UQ, Dr Camila Shirota – Griffith Uni, Dr Alejandro Melendez-Calderon - UQ, Dr Antonio Padilha Lanari Bo - UQ, Dr Philip Aitken - PAH, Shaun McKay - PAH	PAH
Dr James Walsham	Intensive Care Unit, Division of Surgery <i>Understanding the relationship between lymphopenia and outcomes for critically ill patients - the UNIFY study</i> Co-funded by UQ Faculty of Medicine Team A/Prof Marc Ruitenberg - UQ, Dr Quan Nguyen - UQ	PAH

PROJECT GRANTS

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Dr Andrea Viecelli	Nephrology, Division of Medicine <i>The INCremental dialysis to improve Health outcomes in people initiating HaemoDialysis (INCH-HD) trial</i> Team Dr Martin Wolley - PAH, Prof David Johnson - PAH, Veronica Oliver - PAH, A/Prof David Mudge - Redland, Dr Ken-Soon Tan - Logan, Sharon Cottingham - Redland	PAH
Prof Elizabeth Ward	Centre for Functioning and Health Research <i>Embedding high-quality, sustainable, patient-centric telehealth services within Allied Health: A guide for optimised practice beyond COVID-19</i> Team A/Prof Liam Caffery – UQ, Dr Emma Thomas - UQ, Dr Maria Schwarz - Logan, Julie-Anne Ross - PAH, Clare Webb – QEII, Michael Harris - Redland	MSH
Dr Ra'eesa Doola	Nutrition and Dietetics, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Reduced carbohydrate enteral formula compared to standard enteral formula in hyperglycaemic critically ill tube fed patients – a phase II randomised controlled trial</i> Team A/Prof Peter Kruger – PAH, A/Prof Adam Deane – Royal Melbourne Hospital, Dr James Walsham – PAH, A/Prof David Sturgess – PAH, Dr Emma Ridley – Monash University, Dr Lee-anne Chapple – University of Adelaide	PAH
Dr Emily Gordon	Geriatric and Rehabilitation Unit, Division of Medicine <i>Frailty and kidney transplantation: Measurement and mechanisms</i> Team Prof Mark Midwinter - UQ, A/Prof Ross Francis - PAH, Dr Natasha Reid - UQ, Ryan Holmes - UQ, Prof Ruth Hubbard - PAH, Ms Christine Nairne – Consumer representative	PAH
A/Prof Warrick Inder	Diabetes and Endocrinology, Division of Medicine <i>Randomised controlled trial of two tapering regimens for withdrawal of glucocorticoids with biomarker monitoring</i> Team Dr Jack Lockett - PAH, Dr Claire Ellender – PAH, Dr James Gray - PAH, Dr Jason Wu - PAH, Prof Vicki Clifton – Mater Research Institute/TRI, Dr Adam Ewing - Mater Research Institute/TRI	PAH
Dr Stefan Blum	Neurology, Division of Medicine <i>Multimodal MR Imaging to model disease activity in Multiple Sclerosis</i> Team Dr Marcus Gray - PAH, Dr Kristen Lefever - PAH, Dr Reuben Beer - PAH, Dr Andrew Swayne - UQ	PAH
Dr Laurelie Wishart	Centre for Functioning and Health Research <i>Exploring radiation-induced fibrosis following head and neck cancer using novel MRI imaging</i> Team Prof Liz Ward – CFAHR, Prof Graham Galloway – TRI, Prof Sandro Porceddu - PAH, Rachael Pitt - PAH, Prof Jim Elliot - University of Sydney, Danielle Stone - Royal North Shore Hospital	MSH

A/Prof Michael Barras	Pharmacy, Division of Executive, Medical and Nursing Services PAH <i>Collaborative Ordering of Medications (COOM): evaluation of a partnered prescribing model in Internal medicine</i> Team Prof Ian Scott - PAH, Dr Centaine Snoswell - UQ/PAH, Courtney Hill - PAH, Mr Sven Marxen - Logan, Mr Jason Waddell - Logan, Dr Chris Morris - PAH
Dr Manaan Kar Ray	Adult Mental Health, PAH MSAMHS <i>AIMS: Safety and Effectiveness of a four-week Manualised Intervention for Suicide Prevention</i> Team Dr Marianne Wyder - MSAMHS, Melanie Gregory - MSAMHS, Dr Theo Theodoros - MSAMHS, Tanya Tierney - MSAMHS, Kieran Kinsella - MSAMHS, Josh Byrnes - Griffith University
Prof Kiarash Khosrotehrani	Dermatology, Division of Medicine PAH <i>A randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial of topical sirolimus in chemoprevention of facial squamous cell carcinomas</i> Team Dr Scott Campbell - PAH, Dr Nikki Isbel - PAH, Christine Shen - PAH, Prof Adele Green – QIMR Berghofer, A/Prof Louisa Gordon – QIMR Berghofer
Dr Tanja Miokovic	Physiotherapy Redland <i>A feasibility randomised controlled trial of three contrasting interventions for recovery of post-natal diastasis rectus abdominis</i> Team Prof Paul Hodges – UQ, Michael Harris – Redland, Diane Lee - Canada
Dr Leslie Gan	Rehabilitation and Geriatrics, Division of Medicine & Emergency Services Logan <i>3D visuospatial attention mapping in patients with stroke and other neurological conditions</i> Team Dr David Painter – Hopkins Centre Griffith University, Haylee Kajewski – Logan, Dr Camila Shirota – Hopkins Centre Griffith University, Prof Heidi Zeeman – Hopkins Centre Griffith University

INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT

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Prof Elizabeth Powell	Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Division of Medicine PAH <i>Improving coordination of care for Indigenous Australians with cirrhosis and liver cancer</i> Team Dr Paul Clark – PAH, Prof Maree Toombs- UQ, Prof Patricia Valery – QIMR Berghofer
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PROGRAM GRANTS

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Dr Moe Thuzar	Diabetes and Endocrinology, Division of Medicine PAH <i>Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonism to Counteract Cardiometabolic Adverse Effects of Steroids</i> Team
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Prof Michael Stowasser - PAH, A/Prof William Wang - PAH, Prof Ranjeny Thomas UQ/PAH, Prof John Upham - PAH, Dr Ingrid Hickman - PAH, A/Prof Anthony Russell - PAH

Prof H. Peter Soyer	Dermatology, Division of Medicine <i>Establishing Australia's First Familial Melanoma Clinic</i> Team Dr Aideen McInerney-Leo - UQ, Prof B. Mark Smithers - PAH, A/Prof Victoria Atkinson – PAH, Dr Centaine Snoswell - UQ, Dr Tatiane Yanes - UQ	PAH
A/Prof Anthony Russell	Diabetes and Endocrinology, Division of Medicine <i>4CD – Connecting Care for Complex Chronic Disease - Diabetes</i> Team Dr Anish Menon - PAH, A/Prof Tracy Comans - UQ, Prof Monika Janda - UQ, Prof Len Gray - UQ	PAH

TRAUMA AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT GRANT

Funded by National Critical Care & Trauma Centre and PAH Div of Surgery | up to \$25,000 over two years

Miss Isabella Lane	Physiotherapy, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Evaluation of a clinical decision support tool for airway management in people with traumatic cervical spinal cord injury</i> Team Ms Alicia Bowen – PAH, Dr Elise Gane – PAH, Dr Brooke Wadsworth – PAH, Samuel Pobar – PAH, Dr Peter Kruger - PAH	PAH
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PA RESEARCH FOUNDATION RESEARCH AWARDS

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Prof Elizabeth Powell	Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Division of Medicine <i>Diabetes and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease: implementing the right care, in the right place, at the right time (NAFLD-RRR study)</i> Team Prof Anthony Russell - PAH, Dr Kelly Hayward - PAH, Prof Steve McPhail - MSH/QUT, Prof Patricia Valery – QIMR Berghofer	PAH
Dr Rahul Ladwa	Medical Oncology, Division of Cancer Services <i>Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma and tumour MICroenvironment Multiplex Spatial Profiling – cMIC STUDY</i> Team Dr Arutha Kulasinghe – QUT, Dr Howard Liu – PAH, Prof Gabrielle Belz – UQDI, Prof Sandro Porceddu – UQ/PAH, A/Prof Helmut Schaidler – UQ/PAH, Dr James Bowman – UQ/PAH	PAH
Prof Ben Panizza	Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Division of Surgery <i>High-resolution mapping of oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas to allow personalization of immunotherapies</i> Team Dr Jazmina Gonzalez-Cruz - UQ, A/Prof Christopher Perry - PAH, Prof Ian Frazer - UQ, Mr Quentin Wright - UQ, Dr Quan Nguyen - UQ	PAH

Dr Elise Gane	<p>Physiotherapy, Division of Clinical Support Services <i>Delivering supervised group exercise to patients with cancer via telehealth: an implementation study</i></p> <p>Team Elizabeth Pinkham - PAH, Prof Elizabeth Ward – UQ/MSH, Prof Raymond Chan – QUT/PAH, A/Prof Mark Pinkham - PAH, Jocelyn Foo – PAH, Dr Nicolas Hart - QUT</p>	PAH
Dr Ahmed Mehdi	<p>University of Queensland Diamantina Institute <i>Assessment of predictors of response to checkpoint blockade</i></p> <p>Team Prof Ian Frazer – UQ, A/Prof Euan Walpole – PAH, Dr Janin Chandra UQDI, Dr Tasafin Hossain – PAH, Dr Elizabeth McCaffrey - PAH</p>	TRI
Prof Dan Siskind	<p>Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services <i>An RCT of Cannabidiol for Clozapine Refractory Schizophrenia (CanCloz)</i></p> <p>Team Dr Nicola Warren - MSAMHS, A/Prof Shuichi Suetani - MSAMHS, Prof Steve Kisely - MSAMHS, Dr Veronica De Monte - MSAMHS Prof Iain McGregor – UoS, Ms Manju Shine – MSAMHS</p>	MSAMHS

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