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## Research news

While Professor John Upham is on leave, I have been given the opportunity to open this month's newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank Associate Professor Scott Campbell who has decided to not seek a further term as the Chair of Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). Scott has served the HREC for 12 years as a member and has been the Chair since late 2017. The Metro South research community has benefitted from Scott's work on the HREC, as has the broader community that we serve. We would therefore like to recognise Scott's longstanding commitment and leadership of the HREC and wish Scott the very best as he continues his research, clinical and other activities.

We have a number of important activities happening over the next month including our first face-to-face GCP Training course. We are so pleased to be able to offer face-to-face education again which was often placed on hold throughout 2020. We are accepting registrations for our 10 May 2021 course so please see below for more information.

In keeping with Fraud Awareness Month, it is worthwhile considering how we can be aware, vigilant and accountable for preventing fraud in research. In 2020, the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission published a Summary Report entitled: [Reducing the risk of research fraud](#). The Report noted that research fraud includes:

- misuse of research funds (that is, misuse of public monies)
- fabrication or falsification of research data or source material
- falsification and/or misrepresentation to obtain funding
- concealment or facilitation of breaches (or potential breaches) by others
- failure to provide adequate supervision on responsible research conduct
- failure to disclose and manage conflicts of interest.

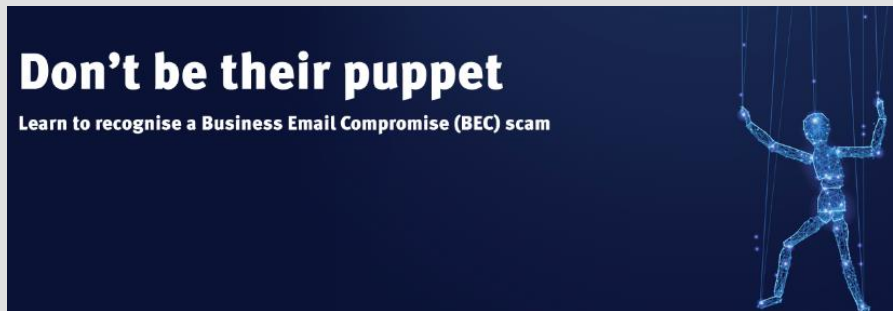
It is therefore important that researchers take care with supervision of research and declaring conflicts of interest, as well as the management of financial matters, research data and information in grant applications.

Metro South Health (MSH) has a comprehensive research [policy and procedure framework](#) to assist researchers in maintaining the highest standards in their research work.

**Paul Dall’Alba**  
**Director, Research Development | Metro South Research**  
**Metro South Health**

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## Data Security and Cyber Awareness



- Recent instances of cyber-attacks on research institutions across the world have highlighted the importance of data security.
  - It is vital that all researchers are cyber security aware which means that you understand what cyber threats are, the potential impact a cyber-attack will have on MSH and your research and the steps required to reduce risk and prevent cyber-crime.
  - If you haven't done so already, please undertake the mandatory Cyber Security Essentials (CYBER) eLearning course available via [LEAPOnline](#).
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## Research funding

### Queensland Advancing Clinical Research Fellowships (QACRF)- Round 3

- MSH employees intending to submit a QACRF application please contact the Metro South Research Support Coordinator (MSRSC) via [MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au) at least 14 days prior to the submission deadline.
- This will enable the MSRSC to discuss the requirements of authorised delegate sign off on the application, declaration page and letter of support.
- Please note, in the case of research applications and contracts, sign off has restricted delegations.

## Grant opportunities in 2021

## Key dates/status

<a href="#">Advance Qld Women's Research Assistance Program</a>	open
<a href="#">Arthritis Australia</a>	opens April
<a href="#">Australian Cancer Research Foundation</a>	preview 24 February
<a href="#">Clinician Researchers Initiative</a>	opens 24 February
<a href="#">Emergency Medicine Foundation Qld Research Program</a>	closes 9 April
<a href="#">Heart Foundation</a>	various from 1 March
<a href="#">Indigenous Health Research grant opportunity</a>	closes 10 March
<a href="#">MS Research</a>	various from 8 February
<a href="#">NHMRC and MRFF grant opportunities</a>	ongoing
<a href="#">National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation</a>	closes 18 March
<a href="#">Novartis Grants Program</a>	open
<a href="#">QH Health Practitioner Research Scheme</a>	opens June
<a href="#">QH Nursing and Midwifery Research Fellowships</a>	tba
<a href="#">Queensland Advancing Clinical Research Fellowships – R3</a>	closes 26 March

## Research administration updates



### Tribute to Associate Professor Scott Campbell

- Further the opening of this update, our Metro South research community will sorely miss Associate Professor Scott Campbell's knowledge and guidance which has helped shape research ecosystems across MSH.
- An announcement of a new Metro South HREC Chair will be made in due course following completion of a recruitment process.

### State-wide Exemption Process

- A new state-wide exemption process and form in ERM is coming very soon to coincide with the switching off of the 'LNR Qld Form'.
- Please ensure you submit all research proposals using the HREA Form, regardless of risk level, in anticipation of this coming change.

### RCASE and Finance Section

- To enable timely review and approval, please ensure ALL sections of the RCASE form are complete including the finance section detailing funding information.
- If a study is not funded, please indicate N/A or similar. Don't leave form blank.



### eSignatures and PDF Signatures on Commercially Sponsored Studies

- Both eSignatures and hard copy signatures are accepted on contracts.
- Please contact the Metro South Research Governance Office (MSRGO) for further information via [MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au)
- Refer to our [eSignature process](#) for further information.

### Sage Journals

- Sage Journals enables all articles on Research Ethics to be published open access.
- There are no submission charges, and no article processing charges (APCSs) as these are fully funded by institutions through Knowledge Unlatched, resulting in no direct charge to authors.
- For more information please [click here](#).

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## Pauline Rose retirement

Pauline commenced her journey in nursing in the 60's and has been a trailblazer ever since, becoming a world-renowned researcher and presenter for improving care delivery and symptom management of patients in the radiation therapy setting. She has been a true role model to nursing staff through her publishing of numerous literary articles, papers in international journals, national and international conference presentations and research. Enjoy your retirement Pauline from the Metro South Research community.



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## Good Clinical Practice Training

Metro South Health  
**Good Clinical Practice Training**

Facilitator Led/Face-to-Face	4 March 2021	8:30pm-1:00pm
	10 May 2021	Room 2003
	26 July 2021	Translational
	1 September 2021	Research Institute

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- Throughout the year, Metro South Research coordinates facilitator led/face-to-face TransCelerate-accredited GCP courses with an external GCP trainer.
- This course uses interactive discussion and case studies to provide participants with:
  - an awareness of GCP principles
  - an understanding of the roles & responsibilities of all parties under GCP
  - an ability to apply GCP requirements to their daily research practice
  - a knowledge of source documents, essential documents and adverse reporting for clinical trials
  - preventative and corrective action applying to clinical trials
- GCP provides best-practice processes, many of which can be applied to all types of research, not just clinical trials!
- Our March session is currently full however please feel free to register via [LEAPOnline](#) for our other courses in May, July and September.
- Click [here](#) to find out more information.

## Education

### Free 12-Week Researcher Skills Course - Registration Now Open (via Microsoft TEAMS)

- Researchers with a health research interest from all streams and disciplines are welcome to attend courses being run by the Townsville Research Education Support and Administration (TRESA).
- Prior registration is essential if you wish to receive a record of participation for professional development certificates.
- Please see the attached flyer for more information.



### Writing your Clinical Research Protocol - Introduction to Clinical Research (via Microsoft TEAMS)

- Research Education from Metro North HHS Office of Research is providing education about protocol design which will be illustrated with clinical research examples.
- Please [click here](#) for more information.



### Metro South Research education

- Information regarding Metro South Research training and development opportunities are available on the [website](#).



## Health Education and Training Institute - Publishing your Research - Publish or Perish?

- The presenter will discuss the need to publish research in peer reviewed journals, how to do this and what journals are looking for in your submission. He will also share his expertise on avoiding common pitfalls when submitting to journals.
- Wednesday 3 March 2021, 5:00pm-6:00pm AEST
- Registration: <https://publishing-research.eventbrite.com>



## ERM Training

- Quick guides and videos
  - [ERM training options](#)



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## Congratulations

### Inductees into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

- MSH Professor of Nursing, Ray Chan has been inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame.
- The international Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame recognises nurse researchers who have achieved significant and sustained national and/or international recognition for their work and whose research has influenced the profession and the people it serves.



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## Events

### #NextCare Health Conference

- The #NextCare Health Conference program will draw on themes including:
  - Mayhem – Leadership in complex environments
  - Method – Lessons in transforming practice
  - Mixing it up – Connecting teams through leadership
  - Momentum – Inspiring an engaged workforce
- Date: 22-23 April 2021
- Location: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
- [More information](#)





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## Have your say

- Metro South Research would like to continuously improve the services provided.
- Please submit any ideas or feedback to email [MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au)

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**For further information on the above content, contact the  
Metro South Research team.**

**<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research/about-us/metro-south-research>**

To submit an article for inclusion in the Metro South Research monthly newsletter please email  
[MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au).

Missed a previous newsletter or Metro South Research update? Previous editions can be found on the  
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