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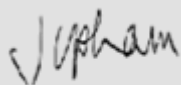
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Research news

Welcome to a New Year. Whilst none of us are sure what 2021 will bring, we all hope that the roll out of vaccines in Australia and across the world, in conjunction with ongoing public health measures, will see a gradual improvement in the COVID-19 pandemic.

We look forward to seeing a gradual return of research activity that slowed or was postponed during 2020. The Metro South Research Support Scheme Grants Announcement event held on 30 November 2020, reminded us that we have much to celebrate in our innovative and inventive researchers who seek to advance knowledge and improve human health.

Planning has already started for this year's PA Health Symposium, under the guidance of Roslyn Connor, the new Event and Sponsorship Manager. Watch out for further details over the coming months.

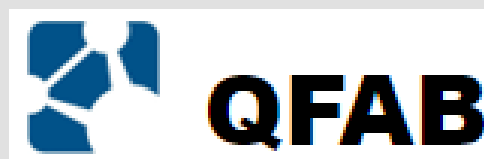


Professor John Upham
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Metro South Biostatistics Service

- The [Metro South Biostatistics Service](#) offers one-on-one advice related to bioinformatics, biostatistics and biodata.
- Metro South employees can access up to 6 hours of biostats support for each new project, at no charge.

- Metro South's resident biostatisticians are available by appointment every weekday to advise on a range of topics including project design, analysis methods, software, and interpretation and presentation of results.
- The best way to ensure you generate meaningful data is to engage a biostatistician in the planning stages of your project.
- [Book an appointment here.](#)



Research funding

Metro South Research Support Scheme

- Congratulations to over 40 research teams across Metro South who were awarded SERTA, PA Research Foundation and TRADIM funding at our Grants Announcement event at Translational Research Institute (TRI) in November last year. Almost \$5M in research grants was awarded on the night for funding commencing 2021. See the list of funded projects [here](#).
- Applications are now open for Metro South NHMRC Near-miss and Infrastructure support grants. Full details on the [Metro South Research Support Scheme](#) website.
- MSH researchers intending to submit MRFF grant applications please contact the Metro South Research Support Coordinator - at least 14 days prior to submission deadline - at MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au to arrange authorised delegate sign off on the required Letter of Support or Chief Executive approval letter.

Grant opportunities in 2021

Key dates/status

Advance Qld Women's Research Assistance Program	open
Arthritis Australia	opens April
Australian Cancer Research Foundation	preview 24 February
Clinician Researchers Initiative	opens 24 February
Emergency Medicine Foundation Qld Research Program	opens 1 February
Heart Foundation	various from 1 March
Indigenous Health Research grant opportunity	closes 10 March
Kidney Health Australia	closes 5 February
Macular Disease Foundation Australia	closes 31 January
MS Research	various from 8 February
NHMRC and MRFF grant opportunities	ongoing
Novartis Grants Program	open
QH Health Practitioner Research Scheme	opens June
QH Nursing and Midwifery Research Fellowships	tba
Queensland Advancing Clinical Research Fellowships – Round 3	opens February

Ethics and governance updates



Annual progress reports

- All annual progress reports are now due by 30 April of each year, regardless of when you received Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee (MSHREC) approval or Site Specific Assessment (SSA) authorisation.
- In order for your MSHREC approval to remain current, please ensure the reports are submitted via [ERM](#) prior to the deadline.



MSHREC and SSA – parallel submissions encouraged

- Please consider submitting your SSA at the same time as your MSHREC submission in order to facilitate timely review and approval.



Further information requested?

- If you have received a request for further information for either your MSHREC or SSA submission, please ensure that the response is submitted within 3 months of the request.
- If not submitted within this time, you may be asked to resubmit your application in its entirety.

National Clinical Trials Governance Framework

- Following the pilot, it is anticipated that clinical trial services will be assessed using a maturity scale to the actions identified in the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework.
- If you work in clinical trials, this [video](#) provides you with useful information on the implementation of the Governance Framework.



Research management guidelines

Partnering with Consumers in Research Guideline

- The Partnering with Consumers in Research Guideline has been developed by researchers from the Princess Alexandra Hospital Nutrition and Dietetics Department, with the support of the Metro South Health Partnering in Research: Allied Health and Consumer Collaboratory (PRACC).

- Supporting resources accompany this guideline which aims to provide an overview of consumer partnering in research and outlines best practice recommendations for Metro South researchers to consider when planning their consumer engagement journey.
- The guideline is available on both our MSH: Policies and procedures [intranet page](#) and on our [website](#).

Clinical Trials Guideline

- A new Clinical Trials Guideline has been released which provides recommendations and best practice information for researchers initiating and conducting clinical trials in Metro South Health.
 - Our [clinical trials webpage](#) has also been updated to reflect the new guideline.
 - The guideline is available on both our MSH: Policies and procedures [intranet page](#) and on our [website](#).
- Have an idea for a new guideline or helpful resource? Please let us know by emailing MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au

Education

- Information regarding Metro South Research training and development opportunities are available on our website
 - [Education](#)
- Endnote X9 Basics - Next Live-Online Session: 8:30am – 9:00am Wednesday 3rd February
 - [Register](#)
- Endnote X9 Advanced - Next Live-Online Session: 8:30am – 9:00am Thursday 4rd February
 - [Register](#)
- Literature Searching with CKN - Next Live-Online Session: 8:30am – 9:00am Tuesday 2rd February
 - [Register](#)
- ERM Training: Quick guides and videos
 - [ERM training options](#)



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.](#)



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

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.

Missed a previous newsletter or Metro South Research update? Previous editions can be found on the [Metro South Research webpage](#).