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Research news

2020 has been a challenging year for Metro South Health (MSH), not only for our team, but for our research community who have dealt with adversity through a very tumultuous time. As we look back on the year, we wanted to thank you for your patience and for being part of our incredible research community.

We would like to look back on our achievements in 2020 by celebrating some key highlights of what some of our researchers have accomplished:

2020 Year in Review

Four MSH researchers were successful in obtaining NHMRC Investigator Grants

Prof Ray Chan
Prof David Johnson
A/Prof Dan Siskind
Dr Andrea Viecelli



PAH's Director of Radiation Oncology Research Professor Sandro Porceddu research tackled cancer head-on

A new study co-lead by Prof Porceddu has identified more weak spots in a deadly type of head and neck cancer in the hope this will lead to more effective treatments.



PAH Occupational Therapist and PhD candidate Louise Bassingthwaigtee's research maps road to independence for patients post brain injury

Investigating the potential for a driver rehabilitation intervention program to be used to support patients with acquired brain injury to get back safely behind the wheel.



We acknowledged the work of QEII Hospital Emergency Nurse Practitioner and PhD Candidate, Hui (Grace) Xu

Grace is researching a user-friendly smartphone app to manage stress and reduce burnout in hospital emergency departments.



Centre of Research Excellence in Digestive Health established

A new NHMRC funded Centre for Research Excellence launched on Wednesday 9 September, to advance the understanding, identification and treatment of chronic digestive diseases.



The Inaugural Bayside Research Showcase was held which attracted more than 100 participants in-person and online

Lead organisers Dr Salih Salih, UQ Academic Lead and Inaugural Chair of the Bayside Research Advisory Group and Dr Libby McCourt, Academic Research Manager for Bayside Health Service held a successful Research Showcase which is a big milestone for research at Bayside.




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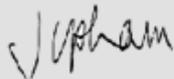
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Thank you – for all our researchers have accomplished this year and all that we accomplish together. For more information regarding these achievements and many more please see [Metro South Research News](#).

As we move towards 2021, I am looking forward to continuing to achieve our research purpose 'to deliver improved health care and population health through excellence in translational research' by implementing actions in support of our research focus areas:

- Build research capability
- Increase research capacity
- Embed research in clinical services
- Translate research to better health
- Research excellence

For more information regarding our Metro South Health Research Strategy 2019-2024 please [click here](#).



Professor John Upham
Chair | Metro South Research
Metro South Health

Research funding

2021 MSH Research Support Scheme Grants Announcement Event

- Professor John Upham, Chair, Metro South Research and Mr Damian Topp, CEO PA Research Foundation invite you to be a part of the 2021 Metro South Research Support Scheme Grants Announcement Event.
- Over \$3M in health and medical research grants sponsored by:
 - Metro South Health Study, Education and Research Trust Account (SERTA)
 - PA Research Foundation
 - National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre
 - Griffith University Health Group
 - Queensland University of Technology
 - The University of Queensland Faculty of Medicine
- Ms Jillian Whiting will join us again this year as MC. Please see our [Events](#) for a zoom link and more information or email MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au



Grant opportunities	Key dates
Advance Qld Women's Research Assistance Program	Open
Novartis Grants Program	Open
NHMRC and MRFF grant opportunities	Ongoing
Emergency Medicine Foundation Qld Research Program	Opens February 2021
Arthritis Australia	Opens April 2021
QH Health Practitioner Research Scheme	Opens June 2021
QH Nursing and Midwifery Research Fellowships	2021
Queensland Advancing Clinical Research Fellowships	2021
Heart Foundation	2021

Ethics and governance updates



Metro South Research Governance Office (RGO) – Study Submission Requirements

- In an effort to reduce administrative burden, our RGO no longer requires submission of **some** documents, which do not have an impact on ongoing site acceptability.
- Some document items are also no longer required by the Metro South Human Research Ethics (MSHREC) unless they have a bearing on the ongoing ethical and scientific validity of a study.
- Please [click here](#) for more information.



EOY submissions for MSHREC and SSA review – Reminder

- The closing date for the final MSHREC meeting of 2020 has passed - the MSHREC will not meet again until **02 February 2021**.
- The Low/Negligible Risk and Amendments closing date is **04 December 2020** - review of new submissions will resume from **04 January 2021**.
- To ensure timely review of submissions including: amendments, annual progress reports and SSA applications, please ensure all submissions to Metro South Ethics and RGO are finalised prior to COB **07 December 2020**.



Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee – Membership EOI

- The MSHREC is looking to expand its volunteer membership under the following categories in accordance with the National Statement ([NS S5.1.30](#)):
 - Category B: Lay Member (no affiliation with MSH)
 - Category D: Pastoral Care Elder or Minister of Religion
 - Category E: Lawyer
- If you or anyone you know may be interested, please see our [HREC webpage](#).

Research Journey

- A new resource has been developed which aims to provide an introduction to the research administrative process for MSH novice researchers.
 - Please click here to access the [Research Journey](#).
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Research events

Brisbane Cancer Conference 2020

- The Brisbane Cancer Conference is an opportunity to draw together cancer researchers in Brisbane and Queensland to advance collaborative efforts in cancer research.
- The conference will be held on 26 and 27 November 2020.
- You can register for the event via [Eventbrite](#).



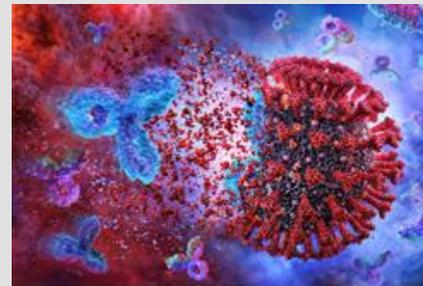
Immunology into the Clinic: The dilemma of fibrotic lung disease

- The event is scheduled for 5pm-7pm on Thursday 26 November 2020, at the Translational Research Institute (TRI), Brisbane.
- The forum is open to all, but it will be of particular interest to clinicians and scientists from respiratory medicine, occupational health, rheumatology, immunology, and transplantation and clinicians and researchers working in related fields.
- You can register at [Eventbrite](#).



Immunology Networking Symposium

- Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners (BDHP) and the TRI invite you to attend the first Immunology Networking Symposium.
- The Symposium will bring together Queensland immunologists from health disciplines around immunology, including mucosal immunology, microbiome, autoimmunity, tumour immunology, immunotherapy, vaccines and infection, to present cutting-edge research, to foster collaboration and to engage in networking, career development and educational events.



Symposium	Symposium Networking Event
When: 10am – 6pm, Wednesday 9 December and Thursday 10 December 2020	When: From 6.30pm, Wednesday 9 December 2020
Where: The Auditorium, TRI, 37 Kent Street, Woolloongabba	Where: Felons, Howard Smith Wharves

- This Symposium will be of interest to scientists and clinician scientists in the fields of immunology, transplantation, infectious disease, cancer immunology and immunotherapy, autoimmune disease, mucosal immunology and vaccine development.
- Lunch and afternoon tea provided.
- Register by 4 December 2020 at [Eventbrite](#).
- For further information email communications@queenslandgenomics.org

Association of Regulatory and Clinical Scientists (ARCS) 2021 Conference

- The next ARCS annual conference will be held from 4-5 March 2021 at the ICC in Sydney.
- The conference has changed from a 3-day to a 2-day event due to venue availability but includes the same number of sessions in up to 9 concurrent streams. Please register via the [ARCS Registration](#) page.

Education

Metro South Health

- The '**Getting started with research series**', developed by Bayside Health Services Research, offers education on the following topics:
 - **Part 1** - [Finding a research problem](#)
 - **Part 2** - [Developing a research question](#)
 - **Part 3** - [Undertaking a literature review](#)
 - **Part 4** - [Gathering a research team](#)
 - **Part 5** - [Work smarter, not harder](#)
- Information regarding Metro South Research training and development opportunities are available on the [website](#).



External

- ARCS have released their 2021 Workshop Program. Topics range from:
 - Essential and Practical GCP Training for New Monitors and CRAs
 - Clinical Trial Assistant - The Essentials
 - Clinical Project Management for CRAs
 - Essential GCP Training for Clinical Investigational Sites E6 (R2)
 - Coordinating Clinical Research More Effectively at Your Site
- Please visit the [ARCS website](#) for 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](#).