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Research news

This month we focused on addressing our **research integrity and quality** capabilities within our Health Service. Responsible research conduct is critical to the success of, and maintaining community confidence in, our research efforts.

Whilst ethics and research governance processes are in place to uphold and promote ethically good human research, it is vital that Metro South Health (MSH) researchers take personal responsibility to ensure all their research activities are conducted with:

- **honesty** - conveying information truthfully
- **accuracy** - avoiding research errors and reporting research findings precisely and
- **objectivity** - avoidance of inappropriate bias and presentation of research findings completely and impartially.

Metro South Research will continue to focus on strengthening our researcher's capabilities, skills and knowledge around **research integrity, conflicts of interest and research fraud** through the development education programs in 2021.

Metro South Research held its first facilitator led virtual **Good Clinical Practice (GCP)** Training session in October. GCP principles form the foundation for **quality management systems** used in research and provide best-practice processes, many of which can be applied to all types of research, not just clinical trials.

Despite a virtual format (due to COVID-19 restrictions), I have received positive feedback from participants about the session and am looking forward to 2021 where we are hopeful to return to in-person training.



Professor John Upham
Chair | Metro South Research
Metro South Health

Research integrity

The Code

- The Australian Research Council (ARC), National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Universities Australia (UA) have developed a [poster](#) to promote the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research ([the Code](#)).
- If you have any questions regarding research integrity and what it means to you as a researcher, please contact our [Metro South Research integrity contacts](#).



Hong Kong Principles

- The publication of the [Hong Kong Principles](#) comes at a time when there has never been more scrutiny of research. In this pandemic, the importance of science has been reinforced time and time again, but the importance of efforts to enhance reproducibility and transparency in research has also come to the fore.
- The Hong Kong Principles provide a framework whereby research practices strengthen integrity in research – a core component of reproducibility and trustworthiness – can be recognised, supported and rewarded.



Clinical Research Facility (CRF) Gym

- From March 2020, essential clinical services from the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) were relocated to the CRF (Level 4, R Wing) to increase capacity in the Hospital.
- This resulted in reduced research capacity including suspension of use of the CRF gym.
- The CRF gym was opened again for researcher use on Tuesday 20 October 2020.
- Please contact the CRF via email to request bookings: CRF@health.qld.gov.au



Research funding

UPDATE - MSH Research Support Scheme (RSS) Grant Holders

- In April 2020, a blanket 6-month extension was offered to MSH RSS grant recipients due to the disruption as a result of COVID-19.
- MSH RSS grant holders are now encouraged to assess the impact of COVID-19 on their research timeline and, where necessary, seek an extension to their funding period.
- In accordance with your Conditions of Award please submit a request in writing to the Chair, Metro South Research via MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au



Grant opportunities	Closing date
Cancer Australia 2020 PdCCRS	04 November 2020
Arthritis Australia	Opens April 2021
Advance Qld Women's Research Assistance Program	Open
Novartis Grants Program	Open

Ethics and governance updates



MSH HREC meeting dates 2021

- Our 2021 HREC Applications Closing Dates and HREC Meeting Dates have been uploaded to our webpage.
- Please [click here](#) for more information.



Remote access for Trial Monitors

- A technical solution has been enabled for Trial Monitors to access the ieMR via MyApps.
- [MyApps](#) is a portal that those with an external account can access using the Citrix Receiver via any device.
- The current business as usual process for requesting access for Trial Monitors should be followed, however please consider if MyApps access should be included with Novell and ieMR access.
- [PAH HIMS Research](#) maintains a register and should be contacted for assistance and guidance if logging a request for MyApps. HIMS Facility Contact Information can be found [here](#).



Research Compliance – PowerTrials

- Once authorised by Metro South Research Governance Office (RGO), all studies that require MSH patient consent will be built in PowerTrials.
- This allows for:
 - clinical oversight
 - visibility of research teams
 - reducing participation burden.
- For any queries relating to PowerTrials or the conduct of research within the ieMR, contact [Mel Arneil](#), Metro South Research Compliance Officer, or see our [website](#) for more information.



End of year submissions for HREC and SSA review

- The closing date for the final MSH HREC meeting of 2020 and submission of Greater than Low Risk submissions is **12 November 2020** - the MSH HREC 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 MSH Ethics and RGO are finalised prior to COB **07 December 2020**.

Website update

Research

- Research
 - About us
 - Our researchers
 - Our community
 - Industry partners
 - Policies and procedures
 - Quick links, tools, forms and templates
 - Education
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Our researchers	Our community	Industry partners	Research services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research fundingEthical clearanceGovernance authorisationClinical trialsResearch integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participate in researchResearch feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How can we help your business?Engaging with Metro South Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Research Ethics CommitteeClinical Research FacilityResearch areasResearch related enquiries
92 active Clinical Research Facility studies	280 active clinical trials	3,840 enrolled patients in clinical trials	\$23m direct research expenditure (2018/19)

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research>

- We have recently completed a preliminary review of our website aimed to streamline content and assist in user navigation.
- Many thanks to our researchers who have provided feedback regarding our website via the Research Strategy Implementation Project.
- Please provide any ideas for future development to MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au

Research events

Bayside Research Showcase 2020

- The inaugural Bayside Research Showcase event will take place on Friday 6 November 2020 at Redland Hospital.
- The **Showcase Itinerary** and more information can be found [here](#).



Research, Quality and Innovation Week 16 - 19 November 2020

- The [Research, Quality and Innovation Week](#) provides a platform to showcase research, quality and innovation projects at Gold Coast Health.
- Due to COVID-19, participants are invited to join online sessions. Some sessions also have a face-to-face option.
- A program is available [here](#) and includes event links and registration links to face-to-face sessions.



The Hopkins Centre - In Focus Research Series

- Register to attend a virtual three-part [In Focus Research Series](#) on 'Resilience and Adaptation in Rehabilitation'.
- Sessions will be held on:
 - 04 November 2020 1.30pm AEST
 - 18 November 2020 1.30pm AEST
 - 02 December 2020 1.30pm AEST



Changing Behaviour for Health and Health Care

- The Symposium is presented by the [Centre for the Business and Economics of Health](#).
- The event will focus on three key themes:
 1. Improving health and well-being through taxing unhealthy behaviours.
 2. Improving health care coverage through informed consumer choice: complexity and health insurance.
 3. Delivering health care: Improving health care impact through provider incentives.
- Date/Time: Thursday 26 November 2020, 9am-12.45pm AEST.
- Please [register](#) by Monday 23 November - this event is free.



Education

Metro South Health

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



External

Queensland Human Research Ethics Training Conference - Online 18 - 20 November 2020

- Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) Members across Queensland and Australia are invited to the conference (free to attend), which will provide up to date information on areas relevant to HREC members.
- Participation in the conference, which will include a Privacy Essentials for HRECs training session, will fulfil the annual NHMRC privacy training requirements for HREC members.
- Whilst this session is targeted at HREC members, researchers may be interested in attending as part of their professional development.
- Registrations close 13 November 2020, visit the [website](#) for more information.



The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews

- Some changes are coming for [Systematic Review process/methodology](#), this pre-print gives an idea of what is on the horizon.



Collaborations

Human Research Ethics and Governance (HREG) Update

- BDHP's HREG Working Group is committed to keeping the research community updated about its work to streamline research administration and support engagement, education and training across the partnership.
- In the September 2020 [video update](#), Sonia Hancock, Manager of Research Integrity and Compliance, talks about broadening the use of BDHP's Research Passport and the group's work to influence the national agenda.



New tools for the BDHP Research Passport Agreement

- BDHP has recently launched two new tools, an [infographic](#) and [factsheet](#), that will ease in determining appropriate and effective use of the BDHP Research Passport Agreement.
- To receive updates from BDHP on these and other developments, contact [BDHP](#) to be added to the mailing list.



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](#).

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