



## OFFICE FOR RESEARCH E-NEWSLETTER

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## Research Ethics & Governance

### Office for Research Christmas and New Year Closing Dates

The Office for Research will be closed from 24 December 2018 and will return on 07 January 2019. Please note that delays are to be expected in January 2019 due to the closing of the office during this time and no projects will be processed.

### QA projects close off period

Due to the festive season in December, many of our staff and reviewers are away, no new QA projects will be processed after 01 December 2018. Researchers can still submit after this date but they will not be processed until mid-January 2019.

### Progress Reports

Research teams are reminded that as a condition of your ethics approval & governance authorisation, an annual progress report is required on the anniversary of the ethics approval date.

Continuation of ethics approval is contingent on submission of an annual report, due within one month of the approval anniversary. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension of the project by the Office for Research

If your study has completed, please note that a final report should also be sent to the Office for Research upon completion of the project.

Progress report reminders, self-audits and short audits will be forthcoming in 2019; departments that fail to submit progress reports for multiple studies may have their projects suspended and department audited by the Office for Research.

Progress Report requirements and forms here:

- High Risk projects [here](#)
- QA & Low Risk Projects [here](#)

### Research Agreements

New process for Research Agreement legal endorsement, review and submission has been implemented. Researchers are advised to submit agreements for review and endorsement as early as possible. See the submission process [here](#).

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## December 2018

### Western Health Research Code of Conduct (2018)

We are experiencing an increase in research activity across our departments and academic partners. The need to ensure that such research is conducted in accordance with our institutional, regulatory and legislative obligations is critical. As research projects are involving more and more stakeholders, ensuring research is conducted in accordance with our organisation's policies and procedures is becoming more challenging.

In order to help your department and staff become aware of their obligations when conducting research at or on behalf of Western Health, we have developed the WH Research Code of Conduct document.

- This document brings together in one document all the relevant WH policies and procedures, and a number of national and international research guiding documents that researchers should familiarise themselves with when undertaking research at WH.
- The WH Research Code of Conduct also aims to provide guidance on how research misconduct will be managed and the proposed resolution process for dealing with such matters.

We request that this document be made available and accessible to existing staff within your respective departments that are engaged in research. We have the expectation, that awareness of this resource be made available to staff and students as part of their orientation/induction, prior to embarking in research.

Please also find the Western Health Research Code of Conduct (2018) on our website for download [here](#).

If you have any queries in relation to this correspondence please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Research [ethics@wh.org.au](mailto:ethics@wh.org.au); 03 8395 8073.

### Honorary Researcher Appointments

While research activity is growing at Western Health, so are our collaborations with external institutions. If you want to collaborate with an external institution, you may need to ensure that the personnel have obtained an Honorary Researcher Appointment and that the project has been approved/authorised before they can commence on site.

See our website [here](#) for more information on when an Honorary Researcher Appointment is required and what the process is to obtain one.

### International Conference on Harmonisation – Good Clinical Practice (ICH-GCP)

Researchers are reminded that it is mandatory for the Principal Investigators to have completed GCP Training. The Office for Research will now be requesting for evidence of your completion certificate. This training must be within the last 3 years.

### Low Risk Ethics Panel Members – Call for new members

Western Health is looking to expand our membership to cater for growing demands. Please note that not all members have to be Western Health employees.

We are specifically seeking members with the following experience:

- Person/s to serve as the 'layperson' on the panel: This role should be filled by a person who does not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work. The purpose of this role is to advise the panel on how a person with no current professional medical experience may interpret some of the research documentation.
- A person to serve as the 'pastoral care associate' on the panel: This role should be filled by a person who performs a pastoral care role in the community for example a minister of religion or an Aboriginal elder.
- A lawyer, where possible someone who is currently not engaged to advise Western Health
- Person/s with knowledge of, and current experience in, the professional care, counselling or treatment of people; for example, a nurse or allied health professional
- Person/s with current research experience that is relevant to research proposals to be considered at meetings they attend.

The panel meets once every two months 8am-10am (meeting dates [here](#)) and reviews research related quality assurance and human research low risk projects for the Western Health network. So far it has played an integral role in defining Western Health's research culture and increasing the standard of research carried out within the institution. Please note this is a voluntary appointment, as no reimbursement will be offered.

If you are interested please send via email an expression of interest and attached CV to the Office for Research: [ethics@wh.org.au](mailto:ethics@wh.org.au)

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### Office for Research Feedback request

We are keen to ensure that we are in a better position to facilitate your research ethics and governance requirements. We appreciate that ethics submissions and governance requirements can seem to be challenging at times, we therefore encourage you to contact the Office for Research and discuss your project research requirements early on in the project cycle.

<b>General enquiries and feedback:</b>	Bill Karanatsios: 8395 8073
<b>SSA submissions:</b>	Virginia Ma: 8395 8072/58074
<b>LNR submissions:</b>	Noelle Gubatanga: 8395 8059
<b>QA submissions:</b>	Kerrie Russell: 8395 8074
<b>Post Approval &amp; monitoring:</b>	Meera Senthuren: 8395 8071

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## Research Report 2017-2018

The combined 2017-2018 Research Report is currently being constructed. The Research Report is expected to be released March-April 2019. It is the intention for all subsequent annual Research Reports to be released in the first quarter of each calendar year.

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## Research Week 2018 Winners

Research Week provides great opportunities for our researchers to show case their research achievements. This year has seen a number of high caliber Abstract submissions which helped formulate the Research Week program. Below are the recipients of the WH Research Week awards in their respective category. Each session award is for \$1500 to be used for CPD or CME. The prizes were provided by the generous sponsors of Research Week 2018.

A number of WH and Deakin Research Grants were also on offer this year. Below are also the recipients of these grants.

### WH Research Week Awards

#### **Allied Health Prize for Best Presentation**

##### **Melanie Lloyd**

Title: Early Mobilisation in Practice: Feasibility, costs and outcomes in an elderly, multimorbid population hospitalised with community-acquired pneumonia

#### **Neville Yeomans Prize For Best Internal Medicine Presentation**

##### **Donald Tran**

Title: Rationalising the diagnosis and treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease with portable spirometry

#### **Robert Helme Prize For Best Neuroscience Research Presentation**

##### **Nooi Hoay Ang**

Title: Parkinson's disease – retrospective review of reasons for non-elective hospital presentation, length of stay and hospital representation in 6 months

#### **Subacute & Aged Care Prize For Best Presentation**

##### **Katherine Miller**

Title: Melatonin – An audit

#### **Nursing & Midwifery Prize For Best Research Presentation**

##### **Lana Van Raay**

Title: Exploring Hydration in Angiography patients: a pilot study

#### **Robert Smith Prize For Best Critical Care Presentation**

##### **Kajal Patel**

Title: External validation of the HOPPE score to predict low risk pulmonary embolism suitable for early discharge.

#### **Kendall Francis Prize For Best Surgical Presentation**

##### **Alexander Rahill**

Title: The evolving usage of the internet by orthopaedic patients – a 6 year comparison study?

#### **Best Oral Research Poster Presentation**

##### **Camilla Malmgren**

Title: Comparison of the PREP and PIERS models for prediction of adverse outcomes in women with pre-eclampsia

#### **Best Published Research Paper 2018**

##### **Anne-Maree Kelly**

Journal: Heart, Lung & Circulation

Title: Long Term Prognostic Value of a Negative Work-Up for Acute Coronary Disease in Emergency Department Chest Pain Patients Without Known Coronary Artery Disease: A Cohort Study

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**AIMSS Oral Presentation Award****Jason Talevski**

Title: Clinical care pathways and the recovery of the quality of life and physical function after a fragility fracture: A systematic review and meta analysis

**AIMSS Scientific Poster Presentation Award****Jesse Zanker**

Title: Current Evidence does not support VitD supplementation to improve post stroke outcomes

**Western Health 2019 Research Grant Winners****Erin Bicknell**

Title: PoStFatigue: How do stroke survivors experience fatigue during community based rehabilitation?

Awarded: \$22,000

**Jeffrey Sanderson**

Title: Splinting for proliferative phase digital fracture malalignment – a pilot study based rehabilitation?

Awarded: \$15,000

**Fiona Pazsa**

Title: Excellence in Bariatric Care (EBC study)- using barriers and enablers to inform best care.

Awarded: \$15,000

**Michaela Barron**

Title: Inter and Intra reliability of assessment of Transdermal Foot temperatures using two different methods

Awarded: \$7,000

**Nursing and Midwifery Grants 2019****Emma Heard**

Title: Evaluation of the Active Management of Third Stage of Labour (AMTSL) Quality Improvement

Awarded: \$15,000

**Shelley Ryan**

Title: Excellence in Bariatric Care (EBC study) - using barriers and enablers to inform best care

Awarded: \$10,000

**Denise Patterson Award 2019****Vanessa Watkins**

Title: Antenatal education and support programs for women giving birth at Western Health: Identifying women's needs and references for content and format, and service needs from the perspective of midwives

Awarded: \$9,000

**Mavis Mitchell Scholarship Awards 2019****Marianne Phillips**

Title: End of Life Care in the acute setting

**Elisa McDonald**

Title: Severe perineal trauma during childbirth: Reducing the incidence at Western Health through training and education

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