

PHCRED e-News Spotlight on Primary Health Care Research

Welcome

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Welcome to PHCRED e-News. This is a fortnightly e-Newsletter to keep you informed about useful research resources and information, such as 'how to...' guides and advertised funding opportunities for your own research.

Our aim is to support you to be research interested and active. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other ideas or questions.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please let us know by emailing us at phcred@greaterhealth.org

We look forward to helping you with your research.

Dr Michael Coates & Liz Jackway

Good News!!

Funding for Research Capacity Building in 2011

Greater Health have recently been advised that funding will be available for research capacity building at least until the end of 2011.

As a result, we will be advertising for bursary projects towards the end of 2010. Research and writing bursaries will be available to candidates to help individuals, practice groups, or other Primary Health Care members to further develop their research and evaluation skills by hands-on involvement.

Please start thinking now about what projects you would like to undertake in 2011.

Please visit <http://www.greaterhealth.org/phcred/bursaries/> for more bursary information.

Other PHCRED dates to remember

- 6 August—Searching Electronic Databases Workshop, Warrnambool
- 15 September— Free Pre-Conference Grant Writing Workshop— Warrnambool
- 16 & 17 September—PHCRED Tri State Conference in Warrnambool
- 12 & 13 October. PASW training. Deakin University, Warrnambool
- Please mark these dates in your diaries.
- Contact Liz Jack way on 03 55633526 or by emailing us at phcred@greaterhealth.org for more information.

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NHMRC Tracker

For the latest edition of the NHMRC Tracker, featuring current news and activities, please visit [NHMRC Tracker](#). Contents include:

- Clinical Research Statistics
- Upcoming CEO Newsletter
- RGMS Update - email newsletter for RGMS users
- 2010 Australia Fellow podcast series: Improving the accuracy of cancer radiation treatment

Premier's Science and Research Fund - Round 8

The 2010/11 Premier's Science and Research Fund is open for applications. The fund was established to facilitate investment in key science and research initiatives of strategic and sustainable value to the State.

Further information is available from the [DFEEST website](#). A two stage application process applies and closing date for lodgement of Stage 1 applications is Monday, 30 August 2010.

If you are intending to lodge an application, please advise the Research Services Office by 9 August 2010 by email. Research Services Office closing date for Stage 1 applications is 16 August 2010.

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation 2011-2012 funding round

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) invites application for the 2011-2012 funding round. RIRDC invests in new rural industries, established rural industries and cross-sectoral national rural issues. Applications need to address the current [Research Priorities](#). Applicants need to familiarise themselves with the application procedure, RIRDC's over-arching goals and strategies, the goals and strategies of R&D programs and the specific priorities for R&D for the year for which the proposal is being submitted.

Preliminary Research Proposals are due on 22 September 2010. Research Services Office closing date is 8 September 2010. Further information is available from the [RIRDC website](#).

Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

TS #378627

Deadline for receipt of 2011-12 applications is September 13, 2010.

The Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide a unique opportunity for mid-career health services researchers and practitioners from Australia, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom to spend up to 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts. Find out more by visiting www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships or contact Robin Osborn ro@cmwf.org or Jane Hall, Professor and Director, Center for Health Economics Research and Evaluation (CHERE), University of Technology, Sydney, Australia (Tel: 61-2-9514-4719 or Email: jane.hall@chere.uts.edu.au)

Research Grants

... from Deakin University

Audits of Hospital Admitted Patient Data

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Contract No. Health T09313

The Department of Health is seeking suitably qualified and experienced parties to undertake health service based audits of International Classification of Disease (ICD) coding of samples of patient records, together with validation of specified administrative data that are reported to the Department of Health by health services. The audit will review patient separation data for three financial years commencing in 2010-2011, totalling approximately 39,000 admitted patient episodes

Contact: robert.cavallaro@health.vic.gov.au , Ph: 03 9096 0448

Australian Rotary Health Grants, Fellowships and Scholarship Opportunities

Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body of mental illness research. They also fund research in other health related areas. Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision of health. They are a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves. See Australian Rotary Health website for current grant and scholarship opportunities. Australian Rotary offers a range of grants, fellowships and scholarships.

Please visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/getdoc/975b10eb-670e-455d-8632-2a9f411f411fce79/Applications%20now%20open.aspx to find out more and download application forms.

Applications close 13 August 2010 for:

- Mental Health Research Grants
- Colin Dodds Post Doctoral Fellowship
- Geoffrey Betts Post Doctoral Fellowship

Applications close 18 October 2010:

- Ian Scotts PhD Scholarships - Investigating Mental Health

CPD for Allied Health Professionals

The Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health's Statewide Allied Health Workforce Education program (SAHWEP) aims to support the educational needs of allied health professionals in Victoria. Allied health practitioners from South Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania, SARRAH members and Queensland Health are also able to access the program.

The [SAHWEP 'CPD for Allied Health Professionals' website](#) offers allied health professionals free access to a large range of information and resources including details of upcoming presentations as well as access to recording of previous presentations. The program also aims to develop and implement a range of resources and tools for health professionals that assist with professional development and networking opportunities. Over the longer term it is expected that the initiative will improve recruitment and retention of allied health professionals by offering better support structures and networks, and facilitating improved career development.

CPD for Allied Health - Upcoming Presentations in Victoria

Date: 4 August 2010

Presentations:

Population Health in Victoria: health inequalities

Stress in Allied Health – How to Cope and Become More Efficient

Supporting Self Management: Common Models and Approaches & Motivational Counselling

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Lecture Room, Swan Hill District Health, Splatt Street, Swan Hill

Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm

Book online at www.cpdforalliedhealth.org or phone Katie Dopheide 03 55 518448 or email

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Cost free, coffee/tea and lunch provided

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CPD for Allied Health Professionals

Date: 5 August 2010

Presentations:

Time Management and Stress

Communication Skills and Conflict Resolution

Supporting Self Management: Common Models and Approaches & Motivational Counselling

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Mildura Base Hospital, Conference Room, Ontario Avenue, Mildura

Time: 9.00am to 4.30pm

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Date: 25 August 2010

Presentations:

Population Health in Victoria: Health Inequalities

Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety in Clinical Practice

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Education Centre, Stawell Hospital, Sloane St, Stawell

Time: 11.00am to 3.00pm

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Date: 13 September 2010

Presentations:

Time Management & Stress

Communication Skills and Conflict Resolution

Leadership

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Portland District Health, Staff Training Room, Portland

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

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Date: 14 September 2010

Presentations:

Population Health in Victoria: Health Inequalities

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Otway Tutorial Room, Otway Pioneer Building, Colac Area Health, 2 – 28 Connor Street, Colac

Time: 2.15pm to 3.15pm

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Cost free

Date: 16 September 2010

Presentations:

Population Health in Victoria: Health Inequalities

Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety in Clinical Practice

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Portland District Health, Staff Training Room, Portland

Time: 10.00am to 12.15pm

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CPD for Allied Health Professionals

Date: 28 September 2010

Presentations:

Personality Styles and Listening Skills

Communication Skills and Conflict Resolution

Leadership

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Benalla Performing Arts & Convention Centre, 57 Samaria Road, Thales Room, Benalla

Time: 8.45am to 4.00pm

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Date: 29 September 2010

Presentation:

How to Care, What to Say

Presenter: Marissa Clarkson, Grief and Bereavement Consultant, Ovens and King Community Health Service

Venue: Community Room, Ovens and King Community Health Service, Ground Floor, 90 – 100 Ovens Street, Wangaratta

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm

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Date: 30 September 2010

Presentations:

Searching Electronic Databases for Evidence-based Information

Use of Valid and Reliable Outcome Measures in Clinical Practice

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: CRC Allied Health Building, 73 – 75 Vermont Street, Wodonga

Time: 8.30am – 9.30am

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Cost free

Date: 30 September 2010

Presentation:

Time Management and Stress

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Education Building, Lecture Room, Benalla Hospital, Benalla

Time: 12.00pm to 1.00pm

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Cost free

Date: 6 & 7 October 2010

Presentation: Self Management, Team and Leadership Course (2 day)

Presenter: Raj Samrai – Research Fellow with SAHWEP, Education & Training

Venue: Group Meeting Room, Community Health, Kyabram District Health Service, Kyabram

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

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PHCRED Tri-State Program CONFERENCE

Free

Pre-Conference Workshop

GRANT WRITING

Writing ARC and NHMRC grants

Presenter Emeritus Professor Tim Miles

Wednesday 15th September

9.30am – 3pm

Conference Room

Lady Bay Resort, Warrnambool

Professor Tim Miles will conduct workshops for the Tri-State Program during 2010. The workshops are aimed at improving Primary Health Care Researcher's skills in writing for ARC and NHMRC grants. Professor Miles has acted as an assessor and expert reviewer on ARC and NHMRC grant processes for more than 25 years and was funded continuously by these bodies from 1976 until 2008. Professor Miles formerly held a Personal Chair in the Discipline of Physiology, School of Molecular and Biomedical Science, was Foundation Director, Research Centre for Human Movement Control at the University of Adelaide, The University of Adelaide. The Vice Chancellor of The University of Adelaide awarded him the title of Emeritus Professor when he recently retired from that Institution. He subsequently held the post of interim Director of the Centre for Rural Health and Community Development in Whyalla, and is an Adjunct Professor, School of Physiology at the University of South Australia.

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PHCRED Tri-State Program CONFERENCE
"Research to Practice – how to make it happen"
16-17 September 2010
Lady Bay Resort, Warrnambool Victoria

- Wed 15** Pre-conference workshop (see opposite page)
- Thurs 16** Opening by Federal Member for Wannon
- Key Speakers:**
- 'How Doctors Think ... Implications for Changing Practice'
Dr Ruth Sladek Senior Research Fellow and Manager
Research to Practice Group Flinders Medical Centre

 - 'Primary Health Care Research to Better Manage Diabetes,
Heart Disease and Depression- The True Blue Study'
Dr Mark Morgan General Practitioner & Researcher Hills
Medical Service Adelaide
- Presentations:** PHCRED researchers and PHC organisations are invited to provide 15 min presentations on their research or to submit a poster
- Registrations Close:** 30 July to liz.jackway@greaterhealth.org
- Cost:** For non PHCRED members Conference Dinner \$55
at Pippies by the Bay: Sound & Laser Show of "Shipwrecked" - the story of the Loch Ard

*** registration form, abstract guidelines, & conference information is available on the PHCRED Tri-State web site: www.phcredtristate.org.au ***

Conference Coordination: Elena DiBez Tri-State Program Administrator
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Training & Workshops

Expressions of interest are sought from staff and students who wish to attend a workshop series which commence in September.

If you could indicate which session you are interested in attending, and depending on numbers (we need a minimum of 12), the series focus will be decided (ie for staff or staff and students).

Alex Radloff has a very successful track record of publications being submitted after the 12 weeks.

Please register your interest with Barbara Lavell on extension 46377.

Deakin Intensive Writing for Publication Program 2010 Based on six fortnightly 3 hour sessions

The main objective of the Deakin Intensive Writing Program is for participants to have a journal paper ready for submission by the end of the program. The Program is designed to support students / early-career researchers and those new to publishing through the steps of preparing and submitting a journal paper. Participants will develop their knowledge of the publishing process, develop the habits of productive writers and increase their competence and confidence as academic writers.

The Program uses as its main texts:

Belcher, W. L. (2009). *Writing your journal article in twelve weeks: A guide to academic publishing success*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. (We have copies of this book to lend staff attending)

Hartley, J. (2008). *Academic writing and publishing. A practical handbook*. London: Routledge. (Available as e-book)

Criteria for selection into the Program will include:

- Provide a 50 word description of the completed work/project/ Honours thesis
- Being an student who has completed a thesis/ minor thesis / Academic staff who is an early career researcher or new to publishing, looking to improve your publication record
- Actively engaged in research
- Having data or original material to develop into a journal paper
- Capacity and willingness to attend six three hour sessions over the course of the Program
- Capacity and willingness to complete set writing activities

Session Dates and Times

Session	1	2	3	4	5	6
	September			October		November
Thursday	2	16	30	14	28	11
	9:00 am - 11:50 am	11:00 am - 1:50 pm	9:00 am - 11:50 am	11:30 am - 2:20 pm	9:00 am - 11:50 am	9:00 am - 11:50 am

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Free Workshop



Factors that influence learning: teaching adults in a range of settings

Date: Monday 9th August, 2010
Time: 10.30am – 1pm (SA time)
Venue: Lecture room
Flinders University Medical School Complex,
24 Vivienne St,
Mount Gambier, SA 5290
Presenter: Ms Ann Luzeckyj
Lecturer in Higher Education at the Centre for
University Teaching at Flinders University

Bookings are essential.
To register, please contact Dr Nathalie Davis 03-55633583 or
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Training & Workshops

RASCH SEMINAR:

Time 11:15am - 1:15pm
Date Wednesday 25 August
Place Room B.Ib 3.210 Burwood Campus Elgar Rd
Refreshments: Lunch to follow seminar.
RSVP: Elizabeth.fitzgerald@deakin.edu.au

Presenter: Associate Professor Julie Pallant is currently Director of Research and Graduate Studies at the School of Rural Health, University of Melbourne.

Title: Using Rasch Analysis to improve measurement scales in business, psychology, and health: What is it and why would you want to use it?

Abstract: Scales and tests are commonly used as research and clinical tools across a range of discipline areas. It is important that these are well designed, and are reliable and valid for the purpose intended. Rasch analysis is one of the modern psychometric techniques that form part of Item Response Theory. It is increasingly being used in business, medicine, psychology, and education to guide the development of new scales and to evaluate and refine existing measures.

Using specially designed software (e.g. RUMM2030) this technique allows a formal assessment of the measurement properties of scales, with detailed feedback on all aspects of the scale. This includes an assessment of the response format, the fit of the items, item bias, unidimensionality and the spread of items across the trait being measured. Rasch analysis also allows a linear transformation of ordinal scales to interval level measures, permitting the use of parametric statistical techniques and the calculation of change scores.

The aim of this presentation is to provide a brief overview of Rasch analysis and to illustrate its use.

Bio: Associate Professor Julie Pallant is currently Director of Research and Graduate Studies at the School of Rural Health, University of Melbourne. Previously she was Senior Lecturer in Applied Statistics at Swinburne University. She is the author of the international bestselling text: *SPSS Survival Manual: A step by step guide to data analysis*. She has worked as a research and statistical consultant in Australia and overseas, particularly in the area of psychometrics, and has published over 50 peer reviewed journal articles.

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