ISPRN Research Development Workshop

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What is the Research Development Workshop?

The aim of the Research Development Workshop is to build research capacity by developing our member’s knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as providing an opportunity to network with others interested in primary health care research.

When?

The conference will be held from 9:00am– 5:00pm, Saturday 19th November 2011.

Where?

The Sebel Harbourside Kiama
31 Shoalhaven Street, Kiama

Who?

Members of ISPRN including: GPs, practice nurses and practice managers, Graduate School of Medicine Clinical Academics and members of the Primary Care and Rural Health Theme in IHMRL. A limited number of places will be available for staff and HDR students in other UOW Faculties.

How Much?

The Network will pay for the forum registration costs for all delegates (including meals), for one staff member from each practice.

The dinner cost on Saturday night is covered by the Network plus alcohol at own expense. Partners are also welcome to attend the Saturday night dinner at own cost - $65 each plus drinks.

Registrations close 27th October 2011. Book early as numbers are limited!

Outcomes of ISPRN Research Development Grants

The ISPRN Research Development Grants were announced at the ISPRN Research Development Conference on the 28-29 May 2011.

The following three projects were approved by the ISPRN Advisory Committee on Thursday 15th August 2011. Below is a short outline of each project, the methods that will be used, and information about where the project is up to and how you can become involved.

Where is the project up to? How can I get involved?

A literature review is currently underway and surveys are under development for submission to the Human Research Ethics Committee. If you are interested in this project please contact Bridget Dijkmans-Hadley at bdh@uow.edu.au or on (02) 42215958 and she will forward relevant information on to you.

Further information about the projects can be found on page 2 of our newsletter.
1. Development and validation of an insulin proficiency assessment tool for insulin self management in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus - Ms Dianna Fornasier

Aims

A mixed methods study is proposed to develop and validate an insulin proficiency assessment tool for insulin self management in people with type 2 diabetes mellitus. The study will take place in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven and Riverina region in multiple primary care sites on patients at point of primary care over a period of six months.

Methods

Insulin Proficiency Assessment Tool Development

No tool was identified in database searches in CINAHL, ProQuest, Medline or PubMed which specifically has been designed and validated for use in assessing people with type 2 diabetes who are already using insulin. Therefore, this tool has no other validated tool to be assessed against to meet criterion validity. This tool was therefore designed for this research proposal to identify problem areas in self management of insulin.

This assessment tool was designed with the focus on the criteria for tool validation set forth by Eigenmann et al (2009). The study design is purposefully designed to achieve concurrent/convergent validity by assessing both quantitative and qualitative outcomes of the tool.

Content, Face and Construct Validity

Once ethics has been approved the assessment tool will be circulated to an expert review panel for comment on the questions and to assess the face and content validity.

Interpretability

Once the review panel is satisfied with the content of the assessment tool it will be tested for interpretability with a Read Aloud Focus Group (RAFG). The RAFG will consist of 12 participants: 8 T2DM patients recruited from the Shoalhaven Family Medical Centre, 2 registered nurses in general practice, and 2 non health care adults who do not have diabetes.

Pilot of the Insulin Proficiency Assessment Tool to assess inter-rater reliability

The project plans to recruit FORTY subjects from up to 8 practices in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven and Riverina regions over a period of six months. Credentialed Diabetes Educators will be involved in the implementation of the Pilot Insulin Proficiency Assessment Tool.

The credentialed diabetes educator will complete the survey tool for each patient that has consented to participate in the study as part of routine care.

Where is the project up to? How can I get involved?

A literature review is currently underway and the project is currently under review by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Wollongong. If you are interested in this project please contact Bridget Dijkmans-Hadley on (02) 42215958 and she will forward relevant information to you.

2. What is the effect on weight by regularly weighing of 20-70y old attendees in General Practice - Dr Duncan MacKinnon

Aims

The aim of the study is to establish if the weighing of patients at every consultation, followed by usual care by their GP, has an impact on healthy weight maintenance of 20-70-year-old general practice attendees.

Methods

The study will be a quantitative, prospective cohort of 151 patients in 6 general practices to establish if the weighing of patients at every GP consultation, followed by usual care by their GP, has an impact on weight maintenance.

The intervention will use Southern IML Pathology data to map the average BMI of the population up to the point of the study. This would act as control baseline data. National weight data will be used as an additional control. Following the intervention the mean weight gain of the sample will be compared with the population weight gain during the study, and will exclude data from practices that participated in the study to see if the intervention had an effect on weight maintenance of participating patients.

Where is the project up to? How can I get involved?

A literature review is currently underway and an ethics application is being prepared for submission to the Human Research Ethics Committee. If you are interested in this project please contact Bridget Dijkmans-Hadley at bdh@uow.edu.au or on (02) 42215958 and she will forward relevant information to you.

3. Chaperone use in Australian General Practice

Dr Lucie Stanford

Aims

The project aims to investigate the current use of chaperones for intimate physical examination of adults in Australian general practice. It also aims to explore the attitudes of both GPs and patients to chaperone use.

Methods

This study will perform cross-sectional surveys of patient attitudes to chaperone use, as well as a pilot survey of a general practitioners’ attitude and their current practice regarding chaperone use. The data for both groups will be collected using separate survey instruments.

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On the 16th of August 2011 ISPRN was delighted to have Dr Marie-Thérèse Lussier - University of Montreal visit Primary Health Care, to state and federal policy makers. Building objectives as well as expanding research in research capacity building has worked over the last decade to meet research capacity to showcase nationwide research networks and how they and multi-disciplinary network staff and members a chance Research Capacity Building Program. It gave practice-based which was organised by the NSW Primary Health Care networks: reservoirs for a decade of capacity building, focused upon practice-based and multi-disciplinary primary health care research.

One particular workshop on Day 2 of the conference focused upon practice-based and multi-disciplinary networks: reservoirs for a decade of capacity building, which was organised by the NSW Primary Health Care Research Capacity Building Program. It gave practice-based and multi-disciplinary network staff and members a chance to showcase nationwide research networks and how they have worked over the last decade to meet research capacity building objectives as well as expanding research in Primary Health Care, to state and federal policy makers.

Dr Marie-Thérèse Lussier - University of Montreal visit

On the 16th of August 2011 ISPRN was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with Dr Marie-Thérèse Lussier, an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Montreal in Quebec.

Marie-Thérèse’s passion is communications, with her background in psychophysiology and doctor-patient communications. Since 1994 she and her husband, Claude Richard, have written healthcare communications publications and presented workshops for health professionals. Marie-Thérèse participates with national and international organisations to share her expertise in family medicine communications.

We look forward to explore possible collaborations with Marie-Thérèse in the near future. Marie-Thérèse has an interest in health literacy and chronic disease as a point of collaboration.

Marie-Thérèse’s latest Publications include:


PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT 2012- 21-24 Feb 2012, Anaheim USA

The goal of the Summit is to strengthen and enhance the capabilities of public health professionals and other participants to plan and prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other public health emergencies. The 2012 Summit Planning Committee invites public health, emergency management, and other professionals nationwide to showcase and share their best practice training models, tools, or other resources that advance the field of public health preparedness.

Contact phone: +1 703 964 1240 x15
Contact email: mpearson@conferencemanagers.com
Early bird registration: 17 Jan 2012
Website address: http://www.phprep.org/2012/
Details for Other Upcoming Events are available from the below link: http://www.phcris.org.au/eventsdiary/index.php

ISPRN Skype Educational Workshops

The first Skype educational workshop, How to Conduct a Literature Review, was held on Tuesday 30th August 2011. The workshop was presented by Ms Jen Lyons, Medical Librarian at the University of Wollongong Library. A small but enthusiastic group of members were able to attend.

There were some minor technical difficulties which we hope to iron out for the next educational workshop! Feedback from the workshop included that participants liked that they could do it from home and enjoyed the interaction with the presenter.

The literature review slides and handout have been uploaded onto the ISPRN Blog Educational Module page for those that missed out (http://uowblogs.com/isprn/wp-login.php).

The next Skype educational workshop will be held early December 2011. This workshop will focus on critical analysis and is being run by Dr Judy Mullan of the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Wollongong.

We will be trialling a webinar version for the next workshop. If you are interested in the Critical Analysis Webinar please contact Bridget Dijkmans-Hadley at bdh@uow.edu.au or on (02) 42215958 by the 11th of November 2011.
Are You Interested in being involved in...

Following University of Wollongong research looking into the attitudes of older patients to General Practice Registrars (GPRs), Coast City Country General Practice Training is funding a project to develop a resource for training practices to assist engaging older patients in GPR management. The project is being run by the Centre for Health Initiatives at the University of Wollongong and is being headed by Dr Andrew Bonney and Prof Sandra Jones. We have one interested practice and are seeking expressions of interest from another two practices to be involved. The participating practices will form part of the research team in advising, developing and trialling the resources.

If you are interested in participating in this project please contact Bridget Dijkmans-Hadley on (02) 42215958 or email bdh@uow.edu.au and she will forward further information on to you.

Upcoming Events

Scholarships to educational events

Expression of Interest

ISPRN is able to support a number of members to attend educational events in this calendar year up to the maximum value of $1000 dollars each.

The conferences listed below may be of interest to you, and we will bring your attention to other conferences during the year on the ISPRN Blog (http://uowblogs.com/isprn/wp-login.php). You are welcome to suggest other events you may know of.

Your need to submit an Expression of Interest to the length of 1/2-1 page which should clearly state:

1. The reason why these conferences are of a benefit to you
2. How will your learning be shared amongst other Network members e.g. Formal or informal presentations, written report, networking.

In order to apply for ISPRN support you must be an active member of the Illawarra and Southern Practice Research Network (ISPRN).

AUSTRALIA’S WELFARE 2011 CONFERENCE- 24 Nov 2011, Canberra ACT

Australia’s Welfare 2011 will present the latest statistics and detailed information on all areas of community services, including aged care, informal care, disabilities, housing, and housing assistance, as well as homelessness and child protection.

Contact phone: +61 2 6244 1012
Contact email: conference@aihw.gov.au

LIME CONNECTION IV- 29 Nov- 1 Dec 2011, Aotearoa New Zealand

This year’s Connection will focus on Medical Education for Indigenous Health: Building the Evidence Base. Specifically, the Connection will address leading approaches to the inclusion of Indigenous health into medical education and will showcase the growing body of evidence that illustrates the relationship between medical education and Indigenous health.

Interested in further Primary Health Care Research Updates?

Current Practices Involved with ISPRN

- Albion Park Family Doctor
- Bega Valley Medical Practice
- Berry Medical Centre
- Bungendore Medical Centre
- Culburra Beach General Practice
- Dr Azam’s Surgery
- Gundagai Medical Centre
- Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service
- Junction Street Family Practice
- Kookora Surgery,
- Milton Medical Centre
- Moss Street Medical Practice
- Murrumbidgee Medical & Primary Care Centre
- Narrandera Medical Centre
- Shellcove Family Health
- Shellharbour Medical Centre
- Shoalhaven Family Medical Practices
- South Mudgee Surgery
- The Robertson Doctor
- Thirroul Medical Practice
- Temora Medical Centre
- Terralong Street Surgery
- Worrigee Street Medical Centre
- Walker Street General Practice

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Other PBRN Current Research

A recent PHCRIS eBulletin included a summary of PBRN research that has recently been published in some well known journals:

- Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, University of Sydney

- University Department of Rural Health Northern NSW, University of Newcastle