

## 2015 PHC RESEARCH CONFERENCE

### BREAKFAST WORKSHOP: FRIDAY 07:30–08:45

#### KERTI – a national knowledge exchange network

The use of relevant evidence to inform policy and practice is an intricate science as well as art. Effective researchers and research users (from policy makers to consumer representatives) have a systems view that understands that research is only part of the answer to complex health issues. They continually seek to enhance their practice in knowledge exchange, translation and implementation.

KERTI can help. The KERTI network is a supportive, informal national network of people with a shared vision of improving primary health care policy and practice through routine application of relevant research. The network name acknowledges the fundamental elements of research application—knowledge exchange (KE), research translation (RT), and implementation (I)—KERTI. The purpose of KERTI is to share learnings, identify mutual priorities, test innovation in the field and build the capacity of researchers as well as research users. Importantly, it seeks to cultivate a systems wide knowledge exchange culture that values multi-level engagement between policy, management, practice, research and consumer perspectives. Central to this culture is an attitude or mindset that views research as a resource to be utilised.

#### Workshop Outline

Welcome / Introduction to KERTI	Deb Turnbull , Chair in Psychology at the University of Adelaide; Chair of the Research Advisory Board of the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI)
Presentation - insights to overcome KERTI challenges	Karen Reynolds, Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Flinders University
<b>Panel Discussion</b> Policy	Janet Quigley, Assistant Secretary, Taskforces Branch, Health Systems Policy, Australian Government Department of Health
Consumer	Michael Cousins, Chief Executive of Health Consumers Alliance of SA
Practice	John Furler, a GP at the North Richmond Community Care (also Principal Research Fellow at the Department of General Practice at the University of Melbourne)
Small group discussion	What are your issues in making PHC research matter – how can KERTI be used to assist you?
Bringing ideas together and next steps	Deb Turnbull

The next opportunity to participate in a KERTI workshop will be in Sydney in October as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to contribute to the expanding KERTI network community of solutions and help enhance the routine utilisation of research to improve primary health care outcomes.

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