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## Knowledge brokering and PHC RIS

PHC RIS ([Primary Health Care Research & Information Service](#)) is a national primary health care organisation funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and located at Flinders University in South Australia. Our role is in facilitating knowledge exchange between the policy, practice (primarily the Divisions of General Practice Network) and research sectors in primary health care (primarily the [Primary Health Research Evaluation and Development Strategy](#)).

We see knowledge brokering as linking researchers and decision-makers, facilitating their interaction so they are better able to understand each other's goals and professional cultures, influence each other's work, forge new partnerships and promoted the use of research-based evidence in decision-making ([CHSRF](#)). PHC RIS activities include:

### Ensuring a sound foundation for knowledge exchange through a comprehensive website:

- ⇒ Maintain *Roadmap of Australian primary health care Research* ([ROAR](#)) with details of current research projects, researchers and organisations
- ⇒ Maintain an archive of presentations from the [General Practice and Primary Health Care \(GP & PHC\) Research Conference](#)
- ⇒ Send free weekly [PHC RIS eBulletin](#) to 2 500 subscribers to keep them in touch with latest relevant research papers, reports, and announcements and maintain a searchable archive of items sent
- ⇒ Collect and display complete reporting information from Divisions of General Practice.

### Analysis and reporting:

- ⇒ Analyses of [Divisions of General Practice](#) data
- ⇒ Brief [RESEARCH ROUNDups](#) on specific topics of policy interest
- ⇒ *Rapid Responses* to policy questions.

### Disseminating relevant information in different ways:

- ⇒ Host the GP & PHC Research Conference
- ⇒ Talks and seminars
- ⇒ [PHC RIS infonet](#) newsletter
- ⇒ Innovative web display including fast facts, maps, searchable databases
- ⇒ [Research briefs](#)
- ⇒ [Fact sheets](#) on dissemination (eg. powerpoint presentations, posters).

### Bringing people together to exchange knowledge:

- ⇒ Through the annual GP & PHC Research Conference
- ⇒ Attending and supporting other meetings of stakeholders.

### Conducting applied research on knowledge transfer and exchange:

- ⇒ Evaluating Knowledge brokering
- ⇒ Assessing [impact of primary health care research](#)
- ⇒ Assessing what contribution primary health care research made to current health reform initiatives
- ⇒ Networking at conferences.