



## ➤ Team composition

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## ➤ Major focus in 2002: **SARNet** (SA PHC Research Network)

- Why a network?  
Gained credence in UK and Europe: starting small is OK: multidisciplinary & collaborative at all levels; includes and focuses educational component on needs.
- UK data?  
7 - 10 year time frame; successes measured by publications, grants & number of active researchers; 1998 UK Federation of Primary Care Networks (30) [NHS Executive]; complements other PHCRED initiatives e.g. Fellows

## ➤ **SARNet - Guiding Principles**

1. Removing barriers and providing incentives
2. Recognising the importance of diversity
3. Maintaining an awareness of the needs of Urban, Rural and Remote members
4. Promoting participation as a positive and necessary component of professional development and clinical practice in PHC

5. Taking an integrated approach towards research and evaluation in PHC
6. Providing a forum to promote collaborative research
7. Developing an education and career structure
8. Facilitating the involvement of PHC providers e.g. in policy-making

## ➤ **SARNet - Implementation**

- Dissemination: who are our constituents?
- Involving consumers / consumer groups
- Use of electronic media e.g. website, email
- What are educational needs?
- Planning events, programs

## ➤ **SARNet - Member Support**

- Research Bursaries (up to \$5000)
- Writing Grants (up to \$500)
- Access to Training – Needs-based
- Mentoring
- Networking & Collaboration

## ➤ **Other activities in 2002**

- Fellows: 2 appointees
- Continuing to work with Divisions
- Collaborative activities in grant writing
- Mentoring
- Expanding advisory roles
- Contributing to state-based team
- Evaluation and dissemination of RED activities

## ➤ **Opportunities and Difficulties**

- Planning and managing network
- Quality mentoring and supervision of fellows and bursary holders
- Relationships with broader groups
- Building future of DGP