

NSW PHC

Research Capacity Building Program

MISSION

To increase the capacity for primary health care research and to provide leadership in developing a research culture in Australian primary health care to improve the health of all Australians.

To achieve this we will provide accessible, relevant and quality education, establish networks to support researchers, and build upon existing research collaborations and capacity in primary health care.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop the research skills of primary health care providers.
- To establish structures to support research in primary health care.
- To encourage and support the transfer of research findings into practice.
- To develop organisational capacity and culture in primary health care to support research in an ongoing way.
- To link the development of research capacity with the broader primary health care and research agenda.
- To explore and develop opportunities for additional funding for research and capacity building in primary health care.

STRUCTURE

NSW PHC is based on implementation of a broad set of agreed objectives and strategies across the state. Each University department adapts these and implements them locally in regional areas where they have existing links. This state wide approach ensures that the Program is implemented consistently and equitably across NSW, and prevents duplication of effort and resources. An Advisory Committee oversees the development of the Program.

PARTNERS

NSW PHC is a collaborative venture between the four departments of general practice and rural health at the Universities of **Newcastle**, **Sydney** and **NSW**. Other Program partners include the **Alliance of NSW Divisions**; the **Royal Australian College of General Practitioners**; the **State Office of the DoHA**; **NSW Health**, as well as **Allied Health, Community Health and Consumer** representation.

TARGET GROUPS

- Individual GPs, GP registrars and other PHC providers.
- Individual practices and PHC services.
- Divisions of General Practice (including non-medical Division staff).
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- Academic departments of general practice and rural health.

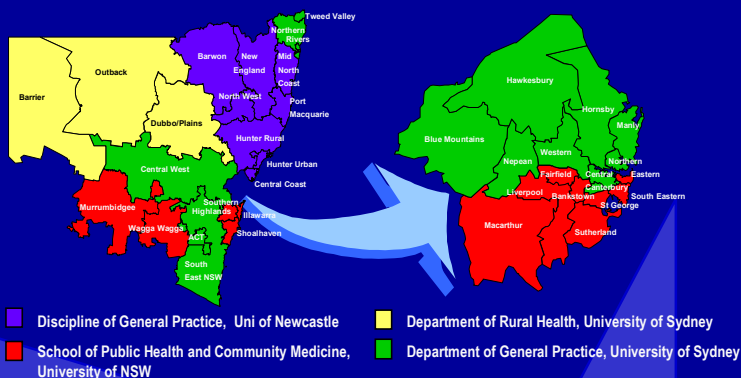
ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

University Department capacity building activities include:

- multi-disciplinary education about research and evaluation
- establishing regional PHC research networks
- mentoring GPs and other PHC providers and organisations (eg. Divisions of General Practice)
- consulting with relevant stakeholders about research priorities
- facilitating development of partnerships between general practice and other PHC organisations to conduct collaborative research

State wide activities include:

- coordinating educational resource development and dissemination
- forming partnerships with other relevant primary health care organisations (State Based Organisations, NSW Health)
- conducting relevant workshops and conferences
- supporting the University departments in their work with regional research networks and other local stakeholders
- brokering collaborative research across the Program
- exploring opportunities for additional funding



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