

University of NSW Primary Health Care Research Capacity Building Program

Focus

- Part of NSW wide collaboration
- SW and SE Sydney, Illawarra and Greater Murray

PHReNet

Activities

- Consultation and establishment of networks in SW/SE Sydney, Illawarra and Shoalhaven, Wagga Wagga and Murrumbidgee.
- Educational activities for GPs, division staff, community health
- Agreement on research questions, project planning, funding, development, conduct of research.
- PHRENETIC (Newsletter)

Outcomes

Network Development

- 25 practices, 8 divisions, 3 community health services, 20 registrars in PHReNet North.
- 8 practices, 2 divisions, 2 community health services in PHReNet South
- Workshops in Wagga Wagga and Murrumbidgee

Educational workshops

Research projects

- 3 network projects
- 3 sponsored studies

IT systems

Education

Activities

- Workshops for GPs, division staff, community and allied health
- Beginner Research Module
- Promotion of PHEC modules
- EBM workshop
- Research Bites

Outcomes

- 12 workshops attended by 135 participants
- Incorporation of modules into SW Sydney vocational training program
- 3 issues of Research Bites circulated widely.

Collaborative research

- Network sponsored projects (Asthma, Diabetes registers)
- Involvement of divisions and networks in CGPIS research projects (practice research, SNAP, health inequalities, chronic disease)
- Collaborative Centres for PHC and Equity Research (UWS, UoW, Area Health Services)
- Collaborations with University of Adelaide, Melbourne, Manchester, Nottingham

Issues

- Balance between grass roots development and high quality research outcomes.
- Lack of infrastructure for research - IT systems, cohorts or large scale data collation
- Lack of availability of research funding for beginner researchers
- Scarcity of some research skills (eg health economics)