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Ethics [<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/pahospital/research/ethics.asp>]

Revised NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research

The NHMRC has released a revised National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research to be implemented from 1st January 2008. The document can be located at

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/files/e72.pdf> Associated with this, is a revised edition of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/files/r39.pdf>)

New Ethics Manager

Mrs Sharon Knight has been appointed to the position of Ethics Manager at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Expressions of Interest for new HREC Members

The Human Research Ethics Committee seeks expressions of interest from the research community and the public for membership on this voluntary committee. For further information, please contact Sharon Knight on (07) 3240-5856 or via e-mail Sharon_Knight@health.qld.gov.au

Contracts [<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/pahospital/research/contracts.asp>]

New Standardised Medicines Australia Clinical Trials Agreement

All Clinical Trial Agreements must now use the standard CTA developed by Medicines Australia <http://www.medicinesaustralia.com.au/pages/page39.asp>

Should you have further questions please contact the Centres for Health Research office on (07) 3240-7663, via e-mail PAH-Research@health.qld.gov.au or John_Meyer@health.qld.gov.au

Grants [<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/pahospital/research/funding.asp>]

PA Foundation Grants

The PA Foundation research grants are now open. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 1st October 2007. To view the grants available and the research grant scheme criteria, call (07) 3240- 2359 or see http://www.pafoundation.org.au/pa_foundation.aspx

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Expressions of interest for the Bryan Emmerson Visiting Professorship

The UQ School of Medicine through the Bryan Emmerson Visiting Professorship fund would like to offer financial support of up to \$10,000 for a visiting academic with research interests distinguished in the discipline of internal medicine or its specialties. The successful candidate will undertake lectures, tutorials and collaboration meetings as arranged by the respective host staff member.

The visiting professorship is awarded by the University Senate Committee for a visit of at least one week. The agreed expenses may include travel and an honorarium payment.

Applications should include:

- Curriculum Vitae of the proposed applicant.
- An outline of the interests of the applicant and benefits of the visit to your research group, department and the larger medical community.

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th September 2007

Applications should be forwarded to Kaye Eldridge, Divisional Manager, School of Medicine, located on 2nd Floor, Building 15, PAH or email to k.eldridge@uq.edu.au

PAH Visiting Professor Scheme 2008

The Centres for Health Research and the Office of Dr David Theile Snr (Clinical CEO) have established a fund to support a limited number of "visiting professors" to the hospital campus.

The scheme provides funding to allow visits by national or international clinicians and scientists, and aims to:

- Encourage clinical and research collaboration both interstate and overseas;
- Enable and facilitate sharing of clinical and research views and findings; and
- Enhance education on campus.

Funding is relatively limited but it is envisaged that it would cover return domestic airfares, accommodation and modest honorarium as appropriate.

It is hoped that eminent overseas clinicians and scientists who are attending Australian scientific meetings could be approached and recruited to 'add on' a visit to PAH as part of their Australian itinerary.

A one-page application for funding, using the prescribed application form (http://www.health.qld.gov.au/pahospital/research/docs/visiting_professor_07.pdf), should be emailed to Mr John Meyer, Centres for Health Research (John.Meyer@health.qld.gov.au) by 5pm on Wednesday 31st October 2007.

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NHMRC

Refer to the NHMRC calendar of grants: [2006/2007 Funding by Grant Type](#)

University of Queensland

See what grants are available: <http://www.uq.edu.au/research/funding/>

Conferences & Events

Guest Lecture

“Pathogenesis of HIV infection”

Speaker: Professor Anne Hosmalin - Deputy Director, Immunology Department, Cochin Institute, Paris

Friday 12th October 2007 at 12.30pm

Venue: Russell Strong Auditorium, Princess Alexandra Hospital

Further information: Dr Gethin Thomas, UQ Diamantina Institute of Cancer, Immunology & Metabolic Medicine

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2007 National Research Ethics Conference

The Conference is to be held from Tuesday 16 October to Thursday 18 October, inclusive, in Melbourne. For further information see [National Research Ethics Conference](#)

News

Queensland Health Research and Development Plan 2007-2012

The Queensland Health Research and Development Plan 2007-2012 has recently been published. This Plan sets out the long term strategic directions that underpin and support research and evidence-based practice, improve research governance and management, and promotes excellence in health service delivery.

The Plan commits to funding support through a number of new initiatives such as the Queensland Health Smart Health Research Grants Programme, support for ARC linkage grants in priority areas of research, and provision of Clinical Postgraduate and Post Doctoral Fellowships.

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The Plan also signals a commitment to support a number of other reforms in research ethics governance. This includes standardisation of clinical trials agreements (CTA), with mandatory adoption of the Medicines Australia CTA. Other reforms include the introduction of a new on-line ethics database - INFONETICA - which will not only facilitate more timely and effective management of research in Queensland Health, but improve Queensland Health capacity to attract new clinical trials to the public sector.

In addition, new funding through the Resource Allocation Model will provide incentives to Districts to support and promote research and will commence in the 2007-2008 financial year.

A copy of the Plan may be found on

www.health.qld.gov.au/cpic/documents/ethics/randd_plan_2007_12_V2.pdf

QCTN Request for Electronic Copies of Patient / Subject Brochures

The Queensland Clinical Trials Network is currently updating their website to include a more targeted (and eventually heavily promoted) public information section. Within this section they will include a “downloads” section where potential volunteers and patients can obtain further information on Clinical Trials and service providers.

If you have this type of information available, please e-mail any electronic copies of “patient/subject” brochures that you wish to make available on their website.

For further information, please contact Clare Schodel on (07) 3331 3944 or e-mail marketing@qctn.com.au

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