

### Engaging Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities in Health Research

An ongoing concern for health and medical researchers and the general community is the documented underrepresentation of CALD participants in research and clinical trials. The inclusion of CALD communities in health research is extremely vital to achieve equitable outcomes. Addressing obstacles and barriers of targeting CALD participation in research requires a multi-strategic approach.

Literature reviews, research and community consultations has identified some barriers to CALD inclusion in research. [The Engaging CALD Communities in Health Research](#) has pulled together some of the perceived key barriers and corresponding enablers that you may want to consider as part of the planning process for your research project.



### Exercise and gamification - A clearer view of diagnostic error | Monkeys, semaglutide, and addiction

Listen to the podcast interview with Kavya Pilli, a Physiotherapist from SWSLHD discussing a program developed using gaming to spur on patients recovering from traumatic brain injury. [Click here](#) to listen!



### Meet the new Chief Innovation Officer at Ingham Institute – Anita van der Meer

In this newly created role, Anita will have an overarching responsibility for clinical trials, innovation, and commercialisation, in line with the new Strategic Plan for the [Ingham Institute](#). Anita has joined from CSIRO and has an extensive health and medical research background, partnering with pharmaceutical and medtech companies and start-ups.

### Winner for the best abstract submitted for the 2023 Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase

At the 2023 Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase, Faye Southcombe submitted an abstract called 'More than just body mass index: Using the Edmonton obesity staging system for paediatrics to define obesity severity in a multi-ethnic Australian paediatric clinical cohort' and won! To read more about the study, [click here](#).

### Scholarship opportunity!

A PhD Scholarship is available for increasing awareness about organ donation and registration on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR) with young adults in diverse communities.

This is an exciting opportunity to conduct research in partnership with NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service (SESLHD), Organ and Tissue Steering Committee (SWSLHD), the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Australia) spiritual organisation and the University of Melbourne. The project will be suited to individuals from a range of disciplines and offering the opportunity to engage with industry experts and inform practice and policy. The successful candidates will receive a scholarship of \$29,863 (tax-free) p.a for 3 years, as well as a tuition fee waiver.

Applicants are welcome to contact A/Professor Gail Moloney at [gail.moloney@scu.edu.au](mailto:gail.moloney@scu.edu.au) for an informal discussion or any enquiries about this opportunity.



### Changes to SWSLHD Banking Details

The SWSLHD banking details have changed. If funds are being paid to SWSLHD, Sponsors need to email [paynswhealth@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:paynswhealth@health.nsw.gov.au) for banking details for the transaction. These details will then need to be included in any agreements submitted to the Research Ethics and Governance Office.

For more information, please contact [SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au)

### Updated Grant Funding

Check out the list of current grant opportunities here:  
<https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ethics/grants.html>

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