

Spotlight on Research: Cultural, Ethnic, and Linguistic Diversity in Dementia Research

Over 37% of older people in Australia are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, with even higher proportions in SWSLHD, and evidence indicates that these people have an increased risk of dementia. However much of the dementia research in Australia excludes people from CALD backgrounds, due to language and cultural barriers, causing considerable data gaps.

Led by PI Dr. Joyce Siette, and using our team’s expertise in delivering effective public health dementia risk reduction campaigns, our main objective is to empirically distribute co-designed, culturally congruent dementia risk reduction public health campaigns for South/Western Sydney’s multicultural older adults to reduce population-wide dementia risk.

This project will address critical gaps, aligning with state priorities of supporting people of CALD backgrounds to build their health literacy, while improving understanding of the needs and experiences of CALD communities. For more information on this study, [click here!](#)

Nurse Led Research

Congratulations to Theresa Nielsen and Nicole Weekes who presented their fantastic research at the Cancer AGM on a study called ‘A Collaborative Nurse Led Research Project on Steroid Induced Hyperglycaemia in Patients Receiving Chemotherapy’.



Winners of the 2023 NSW Health Pathology Awards

Join us in congratulating our very own Prof Murray Killingsworth and Dr Tzipi Cohen-Hyams who won the 2023 NSW Health Pathology Awards’, Health Innovation Category Award for their project DEMI (The Desktop Electron Microscope Initiative).

Electron Microscopy (EM) plays a major role in diagnosing disease, but its increasing cost contributes to limiting its availability to a handful of metropolitan locations. This new class of EM can resolve single proteins, viruses and key cellular changes in renal disease, cancer and rare diseases, promising health and economic benefits for patients and the NSW Health system. Click [here](#) for more insight!

Watch now!

A webinar on 'Using virtual reality-based pain psychology therapy for acute and chronic pain' hosted by the HCF Research Foundation with Associate Professor Alwin Chuan is now live open to access.

If you were unable to attend or would like to share the webinar with your colleagues, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WK4fZ-U8DZ8> and to read about the study funded by the HCF Research Foundation visit <https://doi.org/10.1111/anae.15971>

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Relevant closing dates to assist with future planning	
Greater than Low Risk Ethics Applications (new)	24 Nov 2023
Site specific applications (new), including all Head of Department support	27 Nov 2023
Low risk ethics applications (new)	1 Dec 2023
All other submissions including grant applications and requests for letters of support	8 Dec 2023
Finance related submissions	13 Dec 2023

If you are unsure which due date applies, please contact the Research Directorate on (02) 8738 8304 or via email SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au

Updated Grant Funding

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