



### 2024 REGIS Updates

REGIS will be updated on Wednesday 14 February 2024 to ensure compliance with regulatory standards, improve system functionality and enhance the overall research experience within REGIS. The changes include:

1. [HREA Form Update](#)

Minor updates to the form, including changes to guidance text and references to the revised National Statement to ensure compliance with current ethical guidelines and standards.

2. [Introduction of ACT Health STE to REGIS](#)

Canberra Hospital will now be able to generate and create an STE application within REGIS.

3. [Project Registration Form Updates](#)

Under the existing project registration, consumer involvements for research projects are captured and while these data points exist, they are not reportable. The REGIS team has been working to enable the reportability and all the selections captured previously and for any new project registrations will now be accessible via the Consumer Involvement (PR) Dashboard. Please contact the team for more information [REGIS@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:REGIS@health.nsw.gov.au) or visit the [website](#).

### Free 1:1 Library Learning

To keep up to date with current best practice and extend your understanding, the library learning offers sessions via appointment. Visit the [Library website](#) and choose the session you want to book: <https://swslhdlibraries.ovidds.com/pages/7546/10>

Sessions include Research skills for Medical, Allied Health and Nursing staff, Keeping Up to Date, Endnote for reference management and conducting Systematic Reviews.

To book a 1:1 session email the Library [SWSLHD-MacarthurBowralLibrary@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-MacarthurBowralLibrary@health.nsw.gov.au) or [judy.reading@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:judy.reading@health.nsw.gov.au) or [karen.black1@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:karen.black1@health.nsw.gov.au) direct.

### SWSLHD Drug Health Services recent publication

Link [here](#) to the full article!

#### Severity and outcomes of admissions for gamma hydroxy-butyrate disorders before and after COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in South Western Sydney

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### Rising to COVID-19 challenges: Research Program Outcomes Report showcases innovation success

The 24/7 eICU Model of Care was one of many notable success stories of the NSW Health pandemic response. Funded by the COVID-19 Research Program, the innovative approach used virtual care to deliver continuous monitoring and management of patients being treated in regional Intensive Care Units. As a result, critically ill patients in rural and remote hospitals received round-the-clock access to specialist advice. Evidence confirming the benefits of adding continuous virtual healthcare to regional ICUs was confirmed by important research led by Chief Investigator, **Professor Deepak Bhonagiri**. For more information, click [here](#).



### Congratulations 2023 Narellan Rotary Ingham Institute Research Grant Recipients

Ingham Institute is pleased to share the recipients of the 2023 Narellan Rotary Ingham Institute Research Grants. Please join us in congratulating the following Researchers on their grant success for the following projects:

| Category               | Project Title  | Research Group           | Lead Researcher                       |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cardiac Research       | Atherosclerosis early detection: building a multidisciplinary and multi-institutional team to explore the role/utility of extracellular vesicles as blood-borne biomarkers for the early detection of atherosclerosis using liquid biopsy. | Correlative Microscopy   | Professor Murray Killingsworth        |
| Breast Cancer Research | Enabling early detection of breast cancer onset using liquid biopsy  | Circulating Tumour Cells | A/Professor Therese Becker            |
| Bowel Cancer Research  | Assessing STING And DNA Damage responses (DDR) in circulating tumour cells in high-risk, Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer (LARC) – STAND-Rectal study  | Medical Oncology         | Dr Eunice Dai                         |
| Molecular Research     | Examination of T cell repertoire of activated T regulatory cells in peripheral blood of Multiple Sclerosis patients  | Immune Intolerance       | A/Professor Suzanne Hodgkinson        |
| Diabetes Research      | Discovery and validation of microRNAs associated with adverse outcomes of diabetes in pregnancy.   | Diabetes                 | Distinguished Professor David Simmons |

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### South Western Sydney Innovation and Research Listing (SWIRL)

The [CLIN \(SWSLHD\) Libraries' SWIRL](#) (South Western Sydney Innovation and Research Listing) is an institutional repository which showcases the published research output of South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) staff, both past and present.

SWIRL is intended to assist SWSLHD and individual departments in reviewing and reporting on their research activity, and to increase awareness of our research across and beyond SWSLHD. Please select the attached flyer for further information or [contact your CLIN Librarians](#).

### SWSLHD Ethics and Governance Changes

The SWSLHD Ethics and Governance Team has changed. Following changes to staffing in 2023, we are pleased to congratulate Ms Malina Peng on her permanent appointment to the Coordinator position and Dr Cameron Lutman on his permanent appointment to the Manager role. An additional Coordinator has joined the team (Dr Jia Ying Ooi) and two new Administrative Officers (Ms Indiana Foerster and Ms Tayla Hibbs). Please direct all queries to [SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au) when seeking support.

- Manager - Dr Cameron Lutman (0499 972 501 or 8738 8305)
- Coordinators - Ms Malina Peng (0455 060 242 or 8738 8316) and Dr Jia Ying Ooi – (0418 114 563 or 8738 8512)
- Administrative Officers - Ms Indiana Foerster (0400 181 958 or 8738 8314) and Ms Tayla Hibbs (0409 131 623 or 8738 8304)

### Online Workshop: Developing a Winning Translational Bid

The OHMR team, is excited to announce an upcoming online workshop being delivered by Strategic Project Partners on Developing a Winning Translational Bid. Established in 2005, Strategic Project Partners (SPP) has delivered successful outcomes for a broad range of commercial and government sector clients with a particular focus on Australia's research sector. SPP has strong experience in supporting research institutions to develop compelling bids that secure significant funding including 4 successful MRFF Frontiers bids over the past two rounds. The workshop will be held on the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, via teams. Registration is **free**, via this [link](#).

The workshop will cover:

- What are the hallmarks of great translational research projects?
- What differentiates a 'beautiful' proposal from an average one?
- Practical tips and tricks from 15+ years' bid development experience
- Opportunity for Q&A



### 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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