



QEMRF Strategic Review



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I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few things happening with the Foundation over the next year. Firstly, we are in the midst of a strategic review and the Board have engaged a consultant to deliver a business plan which will map out a future direction for the Foundation.

As part of this process, we will be reviewing the Constitution and the Board structure as well as the day-to-day operations of the Foundation.

We have achieved many things in a short period of time but we need to invest some time in ensuring our processes will keep us in good shape for the future.

We are very grateful to the AMAQ for providing secretariat services since inception. As part of our strategic review, we have committed to bringing these services in-house and this process is now complete.

In addition, the Board are in the midst of negotiating our ongoing funding agreement with Queensland Health. This agreement will provide all parties with a focus on outcomes and objectives.

There are exciting times ahead for the Foundation and one which will continue to build capacity in research in Emergency Medicine in Queensland Public Hospitals and benefit patient outcomes.

Research Forum Success

The Research Forum held at Ballymore in September was a great success with over 50 people attending. There was plenty of time for networking and this was embraced by the ED representatives and the University experts. Feedback from the day has been very positive and the Foundation hopes to formulate another event for 2011. Lively debate followed the presentation from Dr Tony O'Connell, CEO Centre for Healthcare Improvement, Queensland Health. Dr O'Connell laid down the challenge to researchers to drive their research into practice.

Key points to do this included:

- Identify and engage stakeholders
- Drive/seek alignment
- Contract with stakeholders in ways which satisfy their drivers
- Communicate: vision, progress, impacts, outcomes

The forum provided an opportunity for attendees to meet the three Health Economists who have been contracted

to provide advice to QEMRF grant applicants.



Dr Tony O'Connell (Centre for Health Care Improvement), Dr Ruth Barker (Qld Injury Surveillance Unit & Mater Children's)



Health Economists: Dr Louisa Gordon, (QIMR) Prof Paul Scuffham, (Griffith Uni) A/Prof Nick Graves (QUT)

Round 8 - \$1,490,937 in Grants Awarded

Grant applications for Round 8 were of a very high standard and the Grants Advisory Committee were involved in some animated debate over scoring the applications. For this round there was a 50% success rate with 6 grants awarded out of the 12 submitted.

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS AWARDED

Research Champion	Amount	Emergency Department
A/Prof Peter Aitken	\$210,000	The Townsville Hospital
A/Prof Gerben Keijzers	\$210,000	Gold Coast Hospital

PROGRAM GRANT AWARDED

Title	Amount	Hospital
Study 1: Rapid assessment of cardiac chest pain: The Australia and New Zealand Assessment of chest Pain Rule (ANZAP rule): A prospective validation study.	\$581,223	Royal Brisbane and Women's
Study 2: Comparison of the Australia and New Zealand Assessment of chest Pain Rule (ANZAP rule) with NHF risk stratification: Clinical outcomes.		
Study 3: A decision analytic cost-effectiveness model for chest pain pathways.		
Study 4: Diagnostic accuracy of exercise stress test (EST) in intermediate risk chest pain patients.		
Study 5: Examining the role of anxiety in chest pain.		
Study 6: Pre-hospital transportation of patients with potential acute coronary syndrome.		
Dr Louise Cullen , Professor Anthony Brown; Dr Jaimi Greenslade; Professor Peter O'Rourke; Dr Kevin Chu; Dr Xiang-Yu Hou; Dr William Parsonage; A/Prof Nicholas Graves; Dr Martin Than; Ms Jillian R Tate.		

PROJECT GRANTS AWARDED

Developing a quality framework for the care of older patients in the Emergency Department.	\$280,539	Princess Alexandra
Dr Ellen Burkett , Professor Len Gray; A/Prof Richard Jones; Dr Melinda Martin-Khan.		
Propofol or Ketofol for Emergency Medicine Procedural Sedation: A Randomised Controlled Trial utilising eHealth methodology.	\$115,075	QE II Jubilee
Dr Anthony Bell , Dr Ian Ferguson; Dr Greg Treston.		
Prevalence and risk factors associated with CA-MRSA in a Queensland Urban Emergency Department: A prospective study	\$94,100	Royal Brisbane and Women's
Dr Julian Williams , Professor David Paterson; Professor Graeme Nimmo; Dr Jaimi Greenslade; Ms Katherine Doucet; Dr Kevin Chu; Professor Jeffrey Lipman; Professor Anthony Brown.		

Round 8 has resulted in a successful grant application from QEII Jubilee Hospital which is new to our list of recipients and we hope to continue to add to the list with other Queensland Public Hospitals in the future. The Foundation has awarded **\$5,489,348** in grants to date with Round 9 in the midst of review. We have received 72 applications with 48 of those being successful equating to a 67% success rate.

Important to note for future grant applicants: No salary support will be given to principal investigators or co-investigators. Research consultants may be paid, however they will not be able to be named as a co-investigator on grants.

Emergency Medicine Action in North Queensland



Attendees of the North Queensland Emergency Medicine Conference, Palm Cove 5th Sep 2010

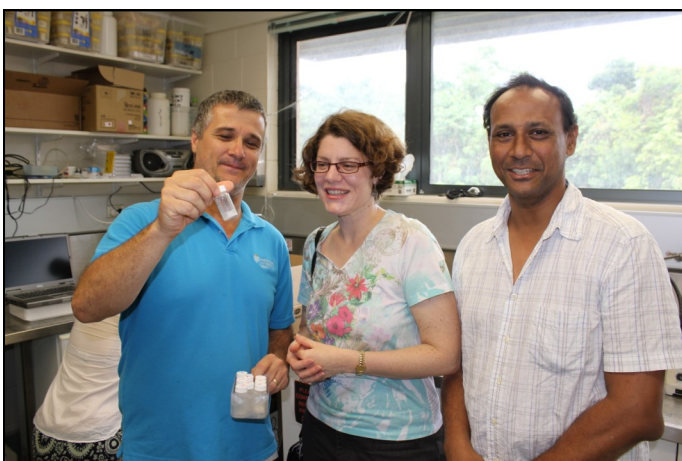
This year it was Emergency Medicine Physician's from Cairns Base Hospital who hosted a very successful North Queensland Emergency Medicine Conference at Palm Cove, 4 - 5 September 2010.

This provided a wonderful opportunity for QEMRF Research Manager Catrina Codd to present an update on activities of the Foundation including a synopsis of the Emergency Medicine Form.

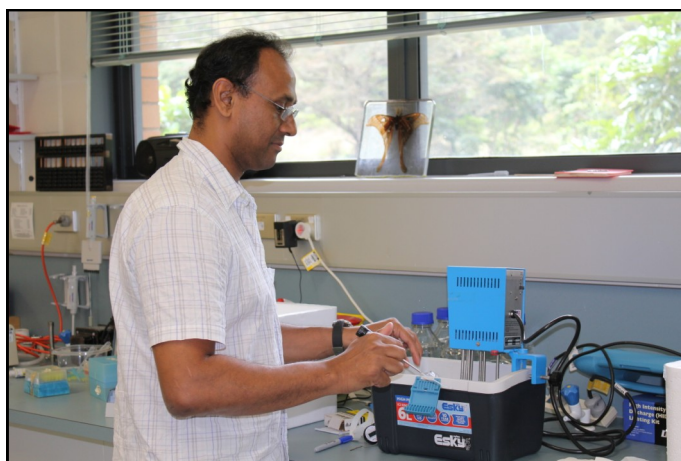
A/Prof Jamie Seymour, James Cook University also gave a presentation raising many questions and inspiring attendees to think toxicology. A/Prof Seymour has been appointed as the Principal Research Fellow to the Cairns Base Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine as a result of their successful QEMRF Capacity Building Grant.

While in Cairns, Catrina managed to get an update on a Staff Specialist Grant awarded to Dr Peter Pereira for the "Development of a human cardiac myocyte assay for the production of lethal dose response curves for box jellyfish venoms: Can heat and intralipids be used as a treatment for cubozoan envenomings?"

This project has led to the largest quantity of box jellyfish venom to be collected in the world which will contribute to future PhD work and other projects.



A/Prof Jamie Seymour, James Cook University, Catrina Codd, QEMRF, Dr Peter Pereira, Cairns Base Hospital look at jar with the largest quantity of box jellyfish venom in the world which was obtained during a QEMRF funded project.



Dr Peter Pereira, Cairns Base Hospital, in research action in the laboratory at the School of Marine and Tropical Biology, James Cook University. Dr Pereira is heating *Chironex fleckeri* venom in a water bath to examine the effects of temperature on its potency.

ACRP Good Clinical Practice for Research Professionals

This training course will be held on 3 and 4 November at the Wesley Research Institute in Auchenflower, Brisbane. For more information please contact Tessa Devries on (07) 3719 6000 or email tessa.devries@clinical.net.au.



**Dr Joseph Ting, QEMRF
Frank Garlick Fellow 2008.**



**Dr Kevin Chu, Royal
Brisbane & Women's
Hospital**



**Mr Jason Currie, Executive
Director, Clinical Services
Redesign Program,
Queensland Health**

Congratulations to QEMRF Fellowship Recipient

Congratulations to Dr Joseph Ting for completing his Master of Science, Clinical Trials at the University of London.

This is a prestigious, highly selective, post-graduate degree that provides in-depth and practical clinical methodology training which will assist Dr Ting with future clinical, intervention, observation and epidemiological studies in emergency medicine.

Dr Ting was awarded the Frank Garlick Fellowship by the Foundation in 2008 and he has recently been appointed as an Expert Reviewer for the Foundation Grants Review Panel.

Joseph is an active Emergency Medicine Researcher working at the Mater Adult and Children's Hospitals; as well as a Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Queensland; and a Retrieval and Clinical Coordination Physician with Careflight Medical Services Qld.

Queensland Health Funded Director of Research

Congratulations to Dr Kevin Chu who has been appointed to the position of Director of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

This is the first time this position has been established and is funded by Queensland Health.

This will mean that Dr Chu has 50% dedicated research time and 50% clinical time.

Dr Chu has previously been awarded a Project Grant from QEMRF on pathology ordering in Emergency Departments.

Board Member Change

Professor Robin Mortimer has resigned as the Queensland Health representative on the QEMRF Board due to work commitments.

In his place Jason Currie was recommended and has accepted the position.

Jason is the Executive Director, Clinical Services Redesign Program for Queensland Health.

The Chairman and the Board wish to welcome Jason and take this opportunity to thank Queensland Health and Robin Mortimer for their support of the Foundation.

Photos Wanted

Thank you to the Prince Charles Hospital Emergency Department team who forwarded some great photos of the team in action with 'Edie' (Emergency Department Instructional Equipment). You can find out more about 'Edie' in a future newsletter. We welcome any photos relating to Emergency Medicine research, training or in practice.



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