



The University
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Overview from the Director

2008 was a significant year for the Centre. In particular, we underwent our first mid-year review. The external assessors lead by Professor Robert Bush (Professor Karen Francis, Monash; Professor Jill Wilson, Uniting Care) undertook the review in July. They praised the achievements of the Centre to date, and provided some excellent suggestions to further develop the Centre. In particular, work has begun on a new business plan which will focus the centre's research activities into both clinical and health service research. The business plan is being developed with input from both Blue Care and the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

Another area of growth in 2008 has been the activities of our Joanna Briggs Collaborating Centre – the Australian Centre for Evidence Based Community Care (ACEBCC). Dr Deborah Parker and Mr Brent Hodgkinson were responsible for the successful offering of two systematic review training workshops. It is envisaged that these workshops will continue in 2009. Dr Anthony Tuckett was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Collaborating Centre and attended the Directors meeting in Spain in November 2008. Dr John Rosenberg continued to manage the activities of the Centre, including the distribution of material from Joanna Briggs to Blue Care staff.

We were fortunate to have Professor Collette Clifford from the University of Birmingham visit during February. Professor Clifford, Dr Parker and Dr Rosenberg were the speakers at a breakfast colloquium with the focus on end of life care. The breakfast was sold out, and not only profiled the work of the Centre, but also allowed new networks to be formed. We also had Professor Claire Wimpenny from the UK visit Blue Care facilities and the UQ/BC RPDC to strengthen community nursing linkages.

Following the resignation of Professor Bartlett from the University, we were appointed as the Queensland Node of the ARC/NHMRC Network in Ageing Well. In 2008 we held two major events. The first was a day workshop where leading researchers in the areas of carer's health and continence worked together to develop future research projects. The second event was a meeting of the key reference group for the Queensland Node. At this meeting, it was decided to hold a major event in 2009 which will focus on ageing well activities. A small steering group assisted by Dr Tim Henwood (the Project Officer for the Network) is planning this activity.

This will be my last annual report, as from the 30 March 2009 I have resigned from the University of Queensland and will take up an appointment with the National University of Singapore. I would like to thank both Blue Care and UQ for the opportunity to establish this Centre. I would also like to thank the staff of the Research and Practice Development Centre, for their high level of commitment to the outcomes of the Centre and their support over the last 12 months.

I would also like to thank the staff of Blue Care for their continued welcome and willingness to engage in research and the other activities of this Centre. I am sure that 2009 will be a year where the Centre will continue to grow and make some impact on our research goals.

Professor Desley Hegney
Director

Centre Staff

Professor Desley Hegney	Director
Dr Christine Neville	UQ School of Nursing & Midwifery Undergraduate Program Director
Dr Anthony Tuckett	UQ School of Nursing & Midwifery International Coordinator (Academic)
Dr Deborah Parker	Post Doc Research Fellow
Dr John Rosenberg	Research Fellow
Dr Tim Henwood	Research Fellow
Ms Robyn Synnott	Research Fellow
Mr Brent Hodgkinson	Research Fellow
Ms Kay Josephs	Clinical Research (Continence)
Ms Vicki Percival	Administration

Our Students

Ms Ann Aitken (<i>confirmed</i>)	Mr Haakan Strand (<i>confirmed</i>)
Ms Susanne Becker (<i>confirmed</i>)	Ms Elise Sullivan (<i>confirmed</i>)
Dr Wendy Brodribb (<i>confirmed</i>)	Mr Robert Timmings (<i>deferred</i>)
Dr John Evans (<i>candidate</i>)	Ms Kym Volp (<i>candidate</i>)
Ms Maxine O'Brien (<i>completed</i>)	Ms Jacqui Young (<i>confirmed</i>)

Advisory Committee Members

Professor Peter Brooks	Executive Dean Faculty of Health Sciences The University of Queensland
Professor Desley Hegney	Director The University of Queensland /Blue Care Research & Practice Development Centre
Professor Len Gray	Professor in Geriatric Medicine Academic Unit in Geriatric Medicine (AUGM), The University of Queensland
Professor Paul Scuffham	Professor of Health Economics School of Medicine, Griffith University (Logan Campus)
Professor Sue Tett	Deputy Executive Dean & Director of Research Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Queensland
Professor Catherine Turner	Head of School School of Nursing & Midwifery The University of Queensland
Mr Steve Muggleton	Executive Director Blue Care
Ms Colleen Geyer	Director of Mission Blue Care
Mr Bob Gilkes	Director Organisational Development Blue Care

Refereed Journal Articles

- Ostini, R., **Hegney, D.**, Mackson, J.M., Williamson, J., Tett, S.E. 2008. Why is the use of clopidogrel increasing rapidly in Australia? An exploration of geographical location, age, sex and cardiac stenting rates as possible influences on clopidogrel use. *Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety*, 17(11): 1077-1090. IF 2.475.
- Brodribb, W., Fallon, A., Jackson, C., **Hegney, D.** 2008. Breastfeeding and Australian GP Registrars – Their Knowledge and Attitudes. *Journal of Human Lactation*, 24(4): 422-430. IF 1.359.
- Brodribb, W., Fallon, A., Jackson, C., **Hegney, D.** 2008. The relationship between personal breastfeeding experience and the breastfeeding attitudes, knowledge, confidence and effectiveness of Australian GP registrars. *Maternal & Child Nutrition*, 4(4): 264-274. IF 1.720.
- Eley, R., Fallon, T., Soar, J., Buikstra, E., **Hegney, D.** 2008. The status of training and education in information and computer technology of Australian nurses: A national survey. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 17(20): 2758-2767. IF 1.301.
- Eley, R., Fallon, A., Soar, J., Buikstra, E., **Hegney, D.** 2008. Nurses' confidence and experience in using information technology. *Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing*. 25(3): 23-35.
- Hegney, D.G.**, Fallon, T., O'Brien, M.L. 2008. Against all odds: A retrospective case-controlled study of women who experienced extraordinary breastfeeding problems. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 17(9): 182-1192. IF 1.301.
- Sullivan, E., Francis, K., **Hegney, D.** 2008. Review of small rural health services in Victoria: How does the nursing-medical division of labour affect access to emergency care? *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 17(12): 1543-1552. IF 1.301.
- O'Brien, M., Buikstra, E., **Hegney, D.** 2008. The influence of psychological factors on breastfeeding duration. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 63(4): 397-408. IF 1.442.
- Turner C., Bain C., Schuller P.J., Yorkston E., Bogossian F., McClure R., Huntington A. and the **Nurses & Midwives e-cohort Group.** 2008. Cohort profile: The Nurses & Midwives e-Cohort Study - a novel electronic longitudinal study. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 1-8. IF 5.151.
- Henwood, T.R.**, Bartlett, H.P. 2008. Measuring the Impact of increased Exercise on Quality of Life in Older Adults: The UQQoL, a New Instrument. *European Journal of Ageing*, 5(3): 241-252.
- Henwood, T.R.**, Taaffe, D.R. 2008. Detraining and Retraining in Older Adults following Long-term Muscle Power or Muscle Strength Specific Training. *Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*, 63(7): 751-758. IF 3.455.
- Henwood, T.R.**, Riek, S., Taaffe, D.R. 2008. Strength versus Muscle Power-Specific Training in Community Dwelling Older Adults. *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*, 63(1): 83-91. IF 3.455.
- Neville C.**, Yuginovich, Boyes. 2008. A stock-take of existing aged care clinical placements for undergraduate nursing students in Australia. *Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 26(2): 17-26.
- Neville C.**, Byrne, G. 2008. Effect of a residential respite admission for older people on regional Queensland family carers. *Collegian*, 15: 159-64.

Neville, C., Eley, D., Weir, J., Quinn, J., Hangan. 2008. Mental Health Nursing Standards and Practice Indicators For Australia: A Review Of Current Literature. *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing*, 17(2): 138-46.

Parker, D., Mills, S., Abbey, J. 2008. Effectiveness of interventions that assist caregivers to support people with dementia living in the community: a systematic review. *International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare*, 6(2): 137-172.

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Iledema, R.A.M., Mallock, N.A., Sorensen, R.J., Manias, E., **Tuckett, A.G.**, Williams, A.F., Perrott, B.E., Brownhill, S.H., Piper, D.A., Hor, S., **Hegney, D.G.**, Scheeres, H.B., Jorm, C.M. 2008. The National Open Disclosure Pilot: Evaluation of a policy implementation initiative. *The Medical Journal of Australia*, 188(7): 397-400. IF 2.537.

Iledema, R., Sorensen, R., Manias, E., **Tuckett, A.**, Piper, D., Mallock, N., Williams, A., Jorm, C. 2008. Patients' and family members' experiences of open disclosure following adverse events. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care*; 20(6): 421-432. IF 1.444.

Sorensen, R., Iledema, R., Piper, D., Manias, E., Williams, A., **Tuckett, A.**, 2008. Health care professionals' views of implementing a policy of open disclosure errors. *Journal of Health Services Research & Policy*, 13(4): 227-232.

Iledema, R.A.M., Mallock, N.A., Sorensen, R.J., Manias, E., **Tuckett, A.G.**, et al. 2008. The National Open Disclosure Pilot: evaluation of a policy implementation initiative. *The Medical Journal of Australia*, 188(7): 397-400. IF 2.537.

Provisionally Accepted / In Press 2008

Ostini, R., **Hegney, D.**, Jackson, C., Williamson, M., Mackson, J.M., Gurman, K., Hall, W., Tett, S. Interventions to Improve Prescribing of Medication – Building on Previous Reviews. *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. IF 1.985. Accepted 22 October, 2008.

O'Brien, M., Buikstra, E., **Hegney, D.** Exploring the influence of psychological factors on breastfeeding duration, Phase One: Perceptions of subject-matter experts. *Journal of Human Lactation*. IF 1.359. Accepted 2 September 2008.

O'Brien, M., Buikstra, E., Fallon, T., **Hegney, D.** Strategies for success: A toolbox of coping strategies utilised by breastfeeding women. *Journal of Clinical Nursing* IF 1.301. Accepted 4 August 2008.

Brodribb, W., Fallon, T., Jackson, C., **Hegney, D.** Learning about breastfeeding – the experiences of Australian GP registrars. *Australian Family Physician*. Accepted 21 July 2008.

Eley, R., Soar, J., Buikstra, E., Fallon, T., **Hegney, D.** Attitudes of Australian nurses to information technology in the workplace: A national survey *Computers, Informatics and Nursing*. Accepted 15 April 2008. To be published in March/April 2009.

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Taaffe, D., **Henwood, T.**, Nalls, M., Walker, D., Lang, T., Harris, T. 2008. Alterations in muscle attenuation following detraining and

retraining in resistance trained older adults. *Gerontology*. In press. EPub ahead of publication.

Froggatt, K., **Parker, D.** Care Homes and Long Term Care for People with Dementia. In *Supportive Care for People with Dementia*. Eds Julian Hughes, Mari Lloyd-Williams, Greg Sachs. Oxford University Press. In press.

Tuckett, A., Hughes, K., Gilmour, J., **Hegney, D.**, Huntington, A., Turner, C. Caring in residential aged-care. Qualitative findings from an e-cohort sub-study. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. IF 1.301. Accepted 9 October 2008.

Sorensen, R., Iedema, R., Piper, D., Manias, E., Williams, A., **Tuckett, A.** Disclosing medical error to patients: can practice inform policy? *Health Expectations*. Accepted 22 October 2008.

Boyd, M., **Tuckett, A.**, Peters, R., Thompson, D., Stewart, S., Turner, C. Learning for heart failure patients (The L-HF Patient Study). *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. Accepted 1 October 2008.

Tuckett, A., Hughes, K., Schluter, P., Turner, C. Validation of CARE-Q in residential aged-care. Rating of importance of caring behaviours from an e-cohort sub-study. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*. Accepted 30 September 2008.

Conference Papers/Abstracts

Hegney, D. 2008. The Resilience Toolkit. 6th International Symposium, Public Health and the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem, 19-23 October, Saskatoon, Canada.

Strand, H., **Hegney, D.**, Fox-Young, S. 2008. Implementation of a nurse practitioner led clinic – impacts on wellbeing for patients with chronic kidney disease. Nurse Practitioners: A solution for the future Australian Nurse Practitioner Association 4th Annual conference 26-28 October, Telstra Dome, Melbourne, Victoria.

O'Brien, M.L., Buikstra, E., **Hegney, D.** 2008. *Exploring the influence of psychological factors on breastfeeding duration: Phase 2, the quantitative enquiry*. 43rd APS Annual conference, 23-27 September, Hobart.

O'Brien, M.L., Buikstra, E., Fallon, A.B., **Hegney, D.** 2008. *Exploring the influence of psychological factors on breastfeeding duration: Phase 1, perceptions of mothers and clinicians*. 43rd APS Annual conference, 23-27 September, Hobart.

Chenery, H., Humphreys, M., **Hegney, D.**, Pachana, N., Byrne, G., Gallois, C., Copland, D., Angwin, A., Baker, R. 2008. Memory and communication training in dementia to improve the transition from home to residential care. National Dementia Research Forum: Translating Research into Practice. 18-19 September. Poster Presentation.

Patterson, E., **Hegney, D.**, Del Mar, C., Eley, D., **Synnott, R.L.**, Baker, P., Fahey, P., Scuffham, P. 2008. The feasibility, acceptability and cost-effectiveness of nurse-led models of chronic condition management in general practice. *RCCPI: Asia-Pacific Research Symposium*, 1-2 July, Gold Coast.

Brodribb, W., Fallon, T., Jackson, C., **Hegney, D.** 2008. Breastfeeding education – is it adequate for GP registrars? GP and Primary Health Care Research Conference. 6 June, Hobart.

Hegney, D., Del Mar, C., Eley, D., **Synnott, R.**, Baker, P., Patterson, E., Fahey, P., Scuffham, P. 2008. The feasibility, acceptability and cost-effectiveness of nurse-led models of chronic condition management

in general practice. International Conference on Chronic Disease Management, 8–10 May, Singapore.

Eley, D., Young, L., Shrapnel, M., Wilkinson, D., Baker, P., **Hegney, D.** 2008. Medical Students and rural GPs: Congruent views on the reality of recruitment into rural medicine. National Rural Health Association 31st Annual Rural Health Conference, 7-10 May, New Orleans Louisiana USA.

Ross, H., **Hegney, D.**, King, C., Buikstra, E., Watson-Luke, A., Rogers-Clark, C., Baker, P., McLachlan, K., Stellard, L. 2008. Building Resilience at local scales: key factors identified by an Australian Rural Community. International Resilience Conference, April, Sweden.

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Young, J., **Hegney, D.**, Patterson, E., Del Mar, C., Baker, P., Eley, D., Scuffham, P., Fahey, P., **Synnott, R.** 2008. The quality of life of patients in a nurse-led model of care in general practice. International Primary Health Care Conference, 4-6 February, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Taaffe, D., **Henwood, T.**, Nalls, M., Walker, D., Lang T., Harris, T. 2008. Alterations in muscle attenuation following detraining and retraining in resistance trained older adults. Asics Conference of Science and Medicine in Sport, Australia. Asics Best Paper - Clinically Relevant Conditions. 16 18 October, Hamilton Island, Queensland.

Hangan, C., **Neville, C.** 2008. Mental Health Nursing Standards for Australia. Australian College of Mental Health Nurses International Conference, Melbourne, October.

Neville, C. 2008. Mental health nursing care for older people in developing countries. Australian College of Mental Health Nurses International Conference, Melbourne, October.

Neville, C. 2008. Depression in older people: a clinical practice and research update. Psychogeriatric Nurses Association, Canberra, September.

Parker, D. 2008 The Construction of Identity for People Dying in Residential Aged Care Facilities in Australia. 7th Palliative Care Congress, 29 April-1 May, Glasgow, Scotland.

Synnott, R.L., Eley, D., Fahey, P., Scuffham, P., Baker, P., **Hegney, D.** 2008. A Nurse-led Model of Care in Australian General Practice to Manage Chronic Disease: Implementation of a practice nurse-led Model of Care. *9th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference – Transforming Healthcare through Research, Education & Technology*, 5-7 November, Ireland.

Synnott, R.L., Young, J.W., Mahomed, R., Eley, D., Baker, P., **Hegney, D.** 2008. A Nurse-led Model of Care in Australian General Practice to Manage Chronic Disease: Development of a Practice Nurse Education Program and Clinical Protocols for Care Management. *9th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference – Transforming Healthcare through Research, Education & Technology*, 5-7 November, Ireland.

Synnott, R., **Hegney, D.**, Patterson, E., Del Mar, C., Baker, P., Eley, D., Scuffham, P., Fahey, P. 2008. The development of protocols and education packages for nurse-led models of care in general practice. International Primary Health Care Conference, 4-6 February, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Tuckett, A., & Iedema, R. 2008. Response to M-J Johnstone "Clinical risk management and the ethics of open disclosure. Part 1. Benefits and risks to patient safety". *Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal*, 11: 88-94.

Boyde, M., **Tuckett, A.**, Peters, R., Thompson, D., Turner, C., Stewart, S. 2008. Learning for Heart Failure Patients (The L-HF Patient Study). [Abstract]. *Heart, Lung and Circulation*, 17S: s4-s53.

Invited Presentations

Hegney, D. 2008. International Trends in Rural Nursing. 6th International Symposium, Public Health and the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem, 19-23 October, Saskatoon, Canada. Opening Keynote Address of Rural Nursing Symposium and Symposium Co-Chair.

Hegney, D. 2008. Differences between rural, remote and metropolitan nurses in Queensland: results of a 2007 study. 6th International Symposium, Public Health and the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem, 19-23 October, Saskatoon, Canada. Invited Address and Symposium Co-Chair.

Hegney D. 2008. Advanced Nursing Practice. Professional Event the College of Nursing. 28 August. Sydney. Invited speaker.

Hegney D. 2008. Intrinsic and Extrinsic Work Rewards: A Queensland study. National University Hospital (NUH) Grand Rounds. 1 August. Singapore. Invited speaker.

Hegney, D., Eley, R., **Parker, D.**, **Tuckett, A.** 2008. Invited Paper. Your Work, Your Time, Your Life, Queensland Nurses' Union 27th annual conference. 16-18 July. Brisbane.

Hegney D. 2008. Invited Paper. Drivers and Impediments to Evidence in Policy. Inaugural rural and remote health scientific symposium. 6-8 July. Brisbane.

Hegney, D. 2008. Global Models of Primary Health Care – Rethinking Health Care Provision – Passionate about Practice, 23-24 June. Brisbane. Keynote Address.

Hegney, D. 2008. Roles of the advanced practice nurse and nurse practitioners/evidence for the roles. Advanced Practice Nursing Role in Primary Health Care Roundtable, 17 June, Parliament House, Canberra. Opening keynote address.

Hegney, D. 2008. Nurse-led models of care. Trends Seminar, National University of Singapore. 7 May, Singapore. Invited speaker.

Henwood, T. 2008. Building Functional Wellbeing in Older Adults using Exercise and Home-Based Training. Centre for Clinical Research Excellence, November, Brisbane.

Henwood, T. 2008. Physical Activity can improve your Golf Game. Queensland Hypertension Association, April, Brisbane.

Parker, D. 2008. The ACFI and palliative care - End of Life Care in Residential Aged care facilities workshop. Brisbane South Brisbane Palliative Care Collaboration, 3 April 2008, Brisbane, Queensland.

Parker, D. 2008. How does evidence influence policy and practice – a residential aged care perspective. Evidence in policy and practice, 22 February 2008, Brisbane, Queensland.

Tuckett, A. 2008. Truth-telling and Open Disclosure: a research trajectory. Presentation at the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, 25 September, Philadelphia PA, USA.

New Consultancies

Patterson, J., Kralik, D., **Hegney, D., Tuckett A.** Systematic Review of Men's Bladder and Bowel Health. Department of Health and Ageing. \$95,000 over six months.

Parker, D., Hegney D. Implementation of a Comprehensive Evidence Based Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care (CEBPARAC). Department of Health and Ageing. \$1,393,918 over 2 years.

Iedema, R. et al., **Tuckett, A.** Open Disclosure Research & Indicator Development including the '100 Patient Stories Project'. Australian Commission for Quality & Safety in Healthcare. \$339,003 over 2 years.

Continuing Consultancies

Hegney, D., Eley, R., Tuckett, A., Parker, D. Your Work, Your Time, Your Life. Queensland Nurses' Union (QNU). \$70,929.

Bartlett, H., Gray, L., **Hegney, D.** Feasibility Study into Transition Care. Queensland Health. \$98,635.

Tett, S., Hall, N., Jackson, C., **Hegney, D.** Understanding and Improving Prescribing Practice. National Prescribing Service Ltd (NPS). \$2000,000.

New Grants

Neville, C. Fox-Young, S., Goetz, S, Neale, K. Enhancing the mental health component in the undergraduate nursing/midwifery degree. Department of Health and Ageing. \$50,000 (+ \$31,000 TEDI).

Wilson, J., Ward, E., **Hegney, D.,** Wright, O. Food services in residential aged care: financial, personnel and service delivery factors. Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage. \$1,084,495.

Continuing Grants

Chenery, H., Humphreys, M., **Hegney, D.,** Pachana, N., Byrne, M., Gallois, C., Angwin, A. An efficacy study of a cognitive-communicative intervention to improve transition to residential care in dementia. NHMRC Dementia Research Grants. \$571,500.

Hegney, D., Del Mar, C., Patterson, E., Scuffham, P., Eley, D., Fahey, P., Baker, P., Emblen, G., Rendle-Short, H., Brown, T., Stewart R., Barry, S., **Synnott, R., Young, J.,** Mahomed, R. The feasibility, acceptability and cost-effectiveness of nurse-led models of chronic disease management in general practice. ARC Discovery. \$525,000.

Chenery, H., Humphreys, M., Byrne, G., Pachana, N., **Hegney, D.,** Gallios, C., Copland, D., Angwin, A. Enhancing transition from home to residential care in dementia. Wicking Trust. \$511,003.

Marwick, T., Prins, J., MacDonald, G., Isbel, N., **Hegney, D.,** Stowasser, M., Coombes, J., Bellar, E. CCRE in Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disease Landmark 3: Chronic Kidney Disease Clinic: A Nurse-Led Multidisciplinary model of care. National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC). \$2,000,000.

Hegney, D., Ross, H., Baker, P., Rogers-Clark, C., King, C., Buikstra, E., McLachlan, K., Stallard, L., Weir, J., Mccullagh, B., Pirie, L., McCarthy, S., Watson-Luke, A. Identifying models of personal and community resilience that enhance psychological wellness: A Stanthorpe study. Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage. \$385,547.

Neville, C., Neale, K. Has an injection of aged care curriculum content and support changed undergraduate nurse perceptions of gerontological nursing? The University of Queensland. \$11,947.

Neville, C., Neale, K. Pain rating scales for older people with severe dementia: Which is the best for nurses to use? The University of Queensland. \$20,000.

Parker, D. Development of a palliative approach in residential care outcome scale. NHMRC Palliative Care Post Doc. \$135,000.

Rosenberg, J., Kerr, C., Storey, K. The Fraser Coast Palliative Care Project. Local Palliative Care Grants - Care Planning Subgroup, National Palliative Care Program and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. \$275,000.

Turner, C., Dobson, A., Huntington, A., **Tuckett, A.**, Bain, C., Thompson, D., **Hegney, D.**, Bogossian, F., Schluter, P., McClure, R., Stewart, S. e-Cohort Study. Australian Research Council (ARC). \$2,957,794.



THE JOANNA BRIGGS INSTITUTE

The Joanna Briggs Institute is based on a collaboration of international supporting centres. Each collaborating centre undertakes their own programs and plays a key role in the promotion of evidence based practice in their own areas through education and training; the conduct of systematic reviews; the development of best practice information sheets; the implementation of evidence based practice; and the conduct of evaluation cycles and primary research arising out of systematic reviews. There are currently more than 20 collaborating centres worldwide covering the disciplines of nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics, podiatry, occupational therapy, aged care and medical radiation.

In 2007 the UQ/Blue Care RPDC was approved as the Australian Centre for Evidence Based Community Care (ACEBCC), a collaborating centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute. The Australian Centre for Community Care (ACEBCC) is a collaborative effort between Blue Care and the University of Queensland School of Nursing and Midwifery. The Centre is housed within the Head Office of Blue Care in Toowong, Queensland as part of the University of Queensland Blue Care Research and Practice Development Centre (UQ/BC RPDC).

The UQ/BC RPDC has a core team of researchers experienced in evidenced based research and practice. This group utilise and oversee the systematic review process, identify and implement best practice guidelines, run workshops to disseminate best practice information to our clientele, and coordinate and perform clinical trials. The centre will continue to recruit an ongoing body of Research Higher Degree students from which clinical trials and studies, and systematic reviews are initiated.

Education & Training carried out by ACEBCC in 2008

- Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Workshop, University of Queensland - Ipswich Campus. 2-5 June 2008.
- Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Workshop, University of Queensland - St Lucia Campus. 1-4 December 2008.



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