

Research Collaborations: an Industry Perspective

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Background

- Management recognises the relevance of research activity
- Value that research adds to service delivery
 - Sensitisation to research opportunities
 - Answer questions
 - Get things done
- Research partnerships
- Participation in research activity
- Source of research leadership

Research Education

- Introductory sessions on research
 - Demystify research
 - All levels of staff
- Staff become informed consumers of research
 - Ask questions
 - Challenge current care practices

Participation of Staff

- Involve staff members at various levels of research activity:
 - Consumers
 - Participants
 - Co-researchers
 - Release of staff

Leading a Research Team

- Expertise available and 'on hand'
- Projects relevant to the aged care service
- Increases the 'ownership' of research
- Involvement of academic partners:
 - Mentoring
 - Site for postgraduate students

Examples of Projects

- Expressive Touch in Dementia Care (BCS)
- Knowledge of Urinary Catheter Management (Westmead Hospital & RRCS)
- Dementia Special Care Unit (OLOCACS)
- Pastoral Care (SCC & OLOCACS)