



**Health Evaluation And
Research Network**

RESEARCH NETWORK – HEARNet Membership

Dear Primary Health Care Professional

In 2001, the Discipline of General Practice at the University of Newcastle established the **Central Coast, Hunter, Mid North Coast and North West NSW Primary Health Care Research Network**, as part of the DHA's national Primary Health Care Research Evaluation Development (PHCRED) initiative. Our local PHCRED Program is called "CAPRE" (Capacity Building in Research and Evaluation) and the research network is known as HEARNet (Health Evaluation and Research Network). We are currently expanding this network and inviting primary health care professionals to become involved.

Eligibility: To be eligible to become a member of HEARNet you must be classed as a Primary Health Care (PHC) Practitioner or Researcher. PHC definition: Primary Health Care is the first point of contact between consumers and providers of health services. PHC services provide first-level contact that is fully accessible by self-referral. If you wish to join HEARNet but you are not a PHC practitioner you can become an associate member.

Mission: The mission of HEARNet is *to encourage and facilitate research in General Practice & Primary Health Care in the region, in order to strengthen the evidence base for, and the delivery of primary health care.*

You can become involved with HEARNet at various levels of participation. Activities you could be involved in include:

- Participation in research run by others (at various levels) & adding value to research proposals;
- Support for a project you have in mind;
- Access to a list of resources/ network of resources;
- Assistance with accessing funding for research (notification of possible sources of funding;)
- Participation in educational sessions run by the network or by other organisations;
- Access to a database of the interests, expertise and experience of other researchers in your region;
- Newsletter receipt.

The group can communicate via email, however if you don't have email access you can communicate via fax or telephone. Emails should be forwarded to the email address below for dissemination. If requested, fax and telephone messages can be forwarded to members on your behalf. Your involvement in the network is confidential, as is any information you provide. You can determine how much information is available to other network members by indication on the attached membership application form.

If you would like to become a member of HEARNet, please complete the attached two-page Member Information Sheet and return by post or fax. If you require further information about the network please email the Network Coordinator on Health-PHCnetwork@newcastle.edu.au or phone the Network Coordinator on 02 4968 6724.

If you know of any other primary health care professionals who may be interested in joining HEARNet we would be grateful if you would pass on a copy of this information and the Member Information Sheet.

Kind Regards,
Debbie Mutton

Mrs Debbie Mutton

Member Information Sheet

Please complete your details to become a member of the network. All information you provide will be available to be shared with network members only.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Main _____

Occupation(s): _____

Position(s): _____

Organisation(s): _____

Postal Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone (work): _____ Fax (work): _____

Phone (home): _____ Fax (home): _____

In the event of face to face network meetings being held, what are your preferred times/days?

Please outline your previous and current training in Primary Health Care:

Formal _____

Qualifications: _____

Work Experience: _____

Please outline your previous and current training relevant to research:

Formal _____

Qualifications: _____

Work Experience: _____

Please outline your primary health care interest areas:

Clinical: _____

Research: _____

General: _____

Please indicate the type of projects you may be interested in: (tick as many as apply)

Clinical Research Population research Service Evaluation

Please tick statements that best describe your possible research network involvement:

- Enroll patients/ clients from your practice/networks, and collect data as part of studies designed by other network members
- Contribute to the design of studies undertaken through the network, with either practitioner or methodological expertise
- Be an associate investigator
- Investigate your own research questions
- Learn about research methods through courses or workshops
- Be kept informed about research and evaluation activities
- Share resources between network members
- Other: _____

Please list the titles of research you have undertaken in the past 5 yrs: (add extra page if required)

Please indicate which details you give permission to be shared with other network members:

Name Phone Areas of interest Previous/ Current training

Email Qualifications Research you have undertaken

Please indicate your preferred contact method :

Email Post Fax

If you have any questions please email: Health-PHCnetwork@newcastle.edu.au

OR phone: HEARNet Coordinator: Mrs Debbie Mutton 02 4968 6724

To return this Member Information Sheet:

Mail to:
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