

RESEARCH GOVERNANCE

NEWSLETTER

Introduction – Dr Jodi Glading

Welcome to the inaugural Research Governance Newsletter.

It is intended that this newsletter keep you informed of what is happening in the research governance space as we work towards an integrated model of governance.

As the Deputy Chief Medical Officer my portfolio covers both clinical and research governance. I'm passionate about improving the research footprint in Tasmania and I'm confident that with a bit of collaboration, ingenuity, and commonsense we can make significant improvements to the way we govern medical research in our state.



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Research Web Site & Confluence Site

The DHHS Research Website is now live and active and can be found at:

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/research>

Links on this site will direct you to a Confluence Site – Health Nexus – which will be utilised to give researchers, coordinators, sponsors and funding bodies a 'one stop shop' for forms and information. If you have suggestions of the site, please contact me.

Clinical Trials Framework and Standards – a game changer

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care in conjunction with Commonwealth Government and states and territories has begun work on a Clinical Trials Framework incorporating clinical trial standards into the national hospital accreditation standards. This work aims to promote research as 'business as usual' within the hospital sector.

Legal Contract Updates

Tasmania has formally joined South Eastern Border States (SEBS) for reviewing Medicines Australia CTAs. If you are approached by a sponsor who wishes to make changes or additions to a MA CTA please refer them to the Medicines Australia SEBS page. The Research Web Site also has information for sponsors. All CTAs must contain Tasmanian specific clauses, also found on the Research Web Site.

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/research>.

NHMRC Innovations Webpage

Earlier this year the NHMRC launched its Innovation Webpage. The information aims to support PhD students and early career researchers interested in commercialising their research. It can be found at

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research/innovation>

Recruitment

Recruitment will begin soon for a Band 7 Research Governance Project Officer to lead a project on improving research processes in Tasmania. This is one component of a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health. More to come shortly.