

RESEARCH GOVERNANCE

NEWSLETTER

Announcing Tanya Symons

The DoH will be hosting Tanya Symons, a recognised expert in clinical research resource development and clinical trials training, in Hobart from 25-27 September. Tanya will be providing advice and assistance to DoH and THS in the areas of clinical research governance. There will be opportunities to meet with Tanya to help shape a statewide governance process. If you are interested in being involved please contact us at research.governance@health.tas.gov.au.

GCP Training

Ms Symons will also be conducting Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training during her visit to Hobart.

GCP is an international ethical and scientific quality standard for researchers involved in designing, conducting, and reporting on clinical trials. Compliance with GCP ensures the rights, safety and well-being of participants are protected. GCP certification is a requirement for Principal Investigators, but is also useful for general researchers and trial coordinators.

The training session takes three hours and will be held on 25 September at 22 Elizabeth Street, Hobart. To book your seat, contact Marissa Bastion on 6166 0396 or email research.governance@health.tas.gov.au.

Tasmanian Data Linkage Unit

Did you know that Tasmania established a data linkage unit in 2010? The TDLU creates links between various sectors including health, education and welfare. The linkage enable the provision of de-identified data files for research, planning and evaluation. It is operated by the Menzies Institute for Medical Research and is a node of the Population Health Research Network. For additional information click here for the [TDLU website](#)

National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) Update

Extensive work has been occurring to allow the Tasmanian public health sector to join NMA. Michael Pervan, Secretary DoH, has approved a plan for Tasmanian researchers conducting multijurisdictional research to use an approval from a NMA HREC without the need to obtain local HREC approval. Further work will need to occur before Tasmania can formally join NMA, but this is an important step. The UTAS HREC will continue to provide HREC services for health sector research that is only based in Tasmania. The DoH will keep you informed as we move closer to full NMA.

Reminders and Events

- The [DoH Research Website](#) is live, as is the [Research Governance – Health Nexus Site](#).
- [Australian Research Management Society \(ARMS\) Conference](#): 18-21 Sept 2018 in Hobart
- [Australasian Ethics Network \(AEN\) Conference](#): 26-28 Sept 2018 in Townsville
- Second-hand Data : What does healthy governance look like ? UTAS Faculty of Law. 30 August 1-2pm. Email law-events@utas.edu.au for more info
- Health and Medical Research Leadership Development Program for early to mid-career UTAS staff. *note must be UTAS staff. EOI to mark.bennett@UTAS.edu.au by 31 August 2018



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