



# RESEARCH DIGEST ISSUE #34

APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

## Upcoming Research Events

### Research Grand Round

Am I allowed to use that data ?

*Navigating Privacy in clinical research*

Join us for the next research grand round, where we will be joined by Professor Nik Zeps and his expertise in Privacy in clinical research.

The session will explore Health Privacy Principles, types of personal information, de-identification, and best practices for data sharing. We'll also highlight common pitfalls and practical examples to help ensure ethical and compliant research practices.

The session will conclude with a Q&A.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2026

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM - LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW

NORTHERN HEALTH EPPING

NCHER BUILDING, LEVEL 3, CONFERENCE ROOM


**THIS WILL BE AN IN-PERSON EVENT ONLY**




## Webinars

### A-CTEC: Monthly Webinar

### Data Governance in Clinical Trials: Understanding the new GCP(R3)


 Date: Thursday 7 May 2026

 Time: 12:30PM - 1:30PM

[Register at ACTEC](#)

## HSRAANZ: Monthly Webinar When Elders Talk We Listen

Yindyamarra Winanghana is a First Nations–led research and knowledge sharing initiative that centres the voices, wisdom, and lived experiences of First Nations women carers and Elders living on Wiradjuri Country in regional New South Wales.

 **Date: Tuesday, 21 April 2026**

 **Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (AEST)**

 **Location: Online (Zoom)**



[More information here](#)


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## How to defuse AI landmines

A free webinar for Privacy Awareness Week facilitated by Helios Salinger Director Anna Johnston. Anna will cover:

- the AI risks that go beyond the obvious
- the landmines to look out for (and how to defuse them), and
- how to identify privacy-related harms in AI and automated decision-making systems.



 **Date: Thursday 7 May 2026**

 **Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm AEST**

[Full Details Here](#)

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## Grant Opportunities

### Victorian Public Healthcare Awards

*The Victorian Public Healthcare Awards are an opportunity for Victoria to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our healthcare workers, public health services and health volunteers.*

Applications Close: 22 May 2026

[Full Details](#)



## Ramsay Hospital Research Foundation

Applications Close: 13 May 2026

Ramsay Hospital Research Foundation (RHRF) is seeking to fund translational research projects that will make a difference to healthcare by improving patient outcomes and models of care through innovative research. All research grants must address social determinants of health and should seek to investigate ways to break the cycle of disadvantage. Social determinants of health categories RHRF are looking to address are listed as follows:

- Education
- Socioeconomic Status
- Lifestyle Risk Factors
- Environment

A maximum of \$400,000 is available per project.

[Full Details](#)



## RACGP Foundation – Health Services Research in General Practice Grant EOI Closes 21 April 2026, 9am AEST



One grant of \$120,000 (excluding GST) is available for a funding period of 24 months.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest Closes 21 April 2026, 9am AEST
- Full application (by invitation): Opens 9 June and closes 6 July 2026, 9am AEST

Eligible principal investigators must:

- Be a general practitioner or general practice registrar.
- Have an active leadership role in the project and sufficient experience in leading and conducting research to ensure its successful completion.

[More information](#)

## NHMRC – Postgraduate Scholarships Applications opens 8<sup>th</sup> April and closes 3 June 2026, 5pm ACT



The program aims to provide funding for graduates to attain a research based postgraduate degree (Doctor of Philosophy or Research Masters degree).

There are two scholarship categories available:

1. Priority scholarship

- Graduates holding an MBBS, Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM) or similar degree
- Nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, pharmacy and other allied health graduates
- Graduates undertaking a combined MBBS/PhD program

## 2. Standard scholarship

- Graduates who do not hold priority scholarship qualifications/registration.

The key dates are:

- Applications: Opened 8 April and closes 3 June 2026, 5pm ACT local time
- Minimum data due date: 13 May 2026, 5pm ACT local time

### [More information](#)

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## Monthly NCTGF Nudge

### CTGF Nudge | April Focus: Accreditation Readiness (Action 1.6)

#### NCTGF Action 1.6

*Clinical leaders support clinicians to understand and perform their delegated safety and quality roles, and to operate within the clinical governance system to improve patient care.*

Audit readiness is not something you prepare for on the day, it's demonstrated through consistent, everyday practices.

Audit preparedness is not just about documentation, it reflects how well we understand and perform our roles within the clinical trials governance system.

Internal audits are a key part of this process. They provide an opportunity to check that studies are being conducted in line with governance requirements, identify gaps early, and strengthen the overall quality of research delivery.

Ask yourself:

- Do I understand my delegated roles and responsibilities within the study?
- Is my study documentation complete, current, and audit-ready?
- Have internal checks or audits been completed, and were any actions addressed?
- Would I be confident walking an auditor through my study today?

#### Nudge to action

Take 10–15 minutes this week to review your study using the [Short Notice Accreditation Assessments and Action Cards](#), and consider whether an internal audit or self-check is required.

- Action Cards for Researchers Available on Prompt: Click [here](#).

Strong research is continuously reviewed, understood, and improved.

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## Publications

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- Li Y, Zhang J, Yin ZJ, Zhou Z, Huang B, Mahmood K, Colville D, Barit D, Auwardt R, Fassett R, Paizis K, Ierino F, Pianta T, Langsford D, Huang M, Savige J. Coexisting genetic kidney disease explains many cases of 'familial' IgA nephropathy where the proband has biopsy-confirmed mesangial IgA deposits. *Front Med (Lausanne)*. 2026 Mar 2;12:1647695. doi: 10.3389/fmed.2025.1647695. [PMID: 41847665](#); [PMCID: PMC12989355](#).

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