

Northern Health Research Digest

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Use of Ambulance Victoria data for research purposes



Ambulance Victoria (AV) has requested that the extraction and use of health information from paramedic patient care records (AV PCRs) for research purposes is not permitted without AV approval. AV remains the data custodian of AV PCRs and data in these records should not be used by the health service or any hospital staff for other purposes, including research, without prior approval.

Researchers wishing to access AV data for research purposes are encouraged to consult the [AV Research Application Guidelines](#) and reach out to the AV Centre for Research and Evaluation at researchgovernance@ambulance.vic.gov.au.

Please note: Research proposals that involve the use of information from paramedic patient care records must include the AV approval letter when submitted to NH RDGU. Authorisation will not be granted without this documentation.

Upcoming Events



Northern Health Research Week 2025

Northern Health Research Week will be held **20-24 October 2025!**

Call for Abstracts will open in June - keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Please remember, you **must** have research ethics and governance approval prior to submitting your abstract.

For a simple guide to approvals for Research Projects at Northern Health (including Case Reports, HREC, Non-HREC and Quality Assurance Projects) [please click here](#).

For further information, please contact: NH.Research@nh.org.au

National Multicultural Health and Wellbeing Conference 2025

Call for Abstracts are now open for the National Multicultural Health and Wellbeing Conference on 11 - 12 November in Melbourne.

Applications close 11.59PM AEST on Friday 11 July 2025
Find out more [here](#).

Grant Opportunities!



Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women- NOW OPEN!

The University of Melbourne Medical School has launched the 2025 round of the Strategic Grants for Outstanding Women. This biennial funding scheme is designed to support early and mid-career women in academia to boost their productivity, advance their careers, and attain leadership roles.

The 2025 round offers funding of up to \$30,000 per annum for up to two years (maximum award value: \$60,000). A minimum of eight grants will be awarded

More information can be found [here](#).

Applications CLOSE- **5pm Friday 4th July 2025 AEST**

MACH-Track Applications NOW OPEN!

Applications for the sixth MACH-Track cohort are now open.

MACH-Track is a structured, mentored and fully funded career development pathway for exceptional research-minded health practitioners pursuing post-registration clinical training or career development.

More information can be found [here](#).

Applications CLOSE- **5pm Friday 1st August 2025 AEST**.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to A/Prof Sanjeevan Muruganandan for his involvement in the iIMPROVE PSP implementation study. The project received a Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Clinical Trials Activity Grant, and aims to improve outcomes for patients with primary spontaneous pneumothorax. You can read more about this fantastic work [here](#).



NH Publication Highlights

Congratulations to Simone Said on her first- first author publication!

Said S, Cvetanovska N, Whicker S, Stockman K, Nguyen D, Campbell D, Brooks P, Jessup R, Attributes, skills and resources required for peer health navigator roles: A qualitative study of the perspective of patients, healthcare professionals and health navigators. Patient Education and Counseling. Vol 138. 2025 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2025.109201>

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