



## Welcome

Welcome to the first of our regular emails to keep you up to date with the work of the NHMRC [Partnership Centre for Health System Sustainability](#). We aim to encourage and facilitate partnerships between people and ideas for the benefit of our health system now and in the future.

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## Up and running

Thanks to all our partners, advisors and supporters, the Partnership Centre is off to a flying start. All nine streams of [research](#), located in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria received funds and are currently progressing important foundational work.

We are looking for evidence-based solutions that are implementable in the real world to improve healthcare system performance sustainability. This kind of work can only be done in partnership and we are engaging with over 40 system partners.

The Partnership Centre is focussed on three important and interlinked areas of translational research and implementation:

1. Using analytics, technology and shared data to improve health and system performance
2. Reducing waste and low-value care
3. Promoting better value for the health dollar

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## Moving forward

Last month, our funding partners met in Sydney at the offices of Bupa Health Foundation and fully endorsed the next year's research strategy. This strategy was devised during an earlier Investigator Team Meeting, held along with system investigators on 22 May. Read a summary of the main discussion points from the [workshop](#).

Work continues apace on foundational literature reviews to scope the

existing evidence for improving health system sustainability. Some streams have already published their work while others are planning pilot interventions with our system partners. Find some of our recent papers [here](#).

If you would like to partner with a stream of health system sustainability research, please [contact us](#).

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## We need you ...

The research stream focussing on Reducing Waste and Low-value Care has been very active in conducting a comprehensive review of the literature on effective and appropriate but lower-cost delivery models. Read an update [here](#) and see how you can be involved in setting priorities.

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## Our Governance

The Partnership Centre is very fortunate to have a skilled and supportive group of experts overseeing activities. The Governance Authority includes representatives from the NHMRC and all Funding Partners (NSW Health, Bupa Health Foundation, NHMRC, WA Health, University of Notre Dame Australia) as well as a senior representative from the Australian Department of Health.

An [International Advisory Group](#) and a Scientific Advisory Committee have also been established to provide high level advice and expertise to the Centre.

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## Did you know?

Macquarie University is the first university in Australia to appoint an Associate Professor in Health System Sustainability? Many of you will have already met [A/Professor Yvonne Zurynski](#) who leads the activities of the Partnership Centre coordinating unit that aims to stimulate progress of research, community engagement and dissemination of findings.

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## Events of interest

### **10-12 September BMJ International Forum on Quality & Safety in Healthcare. Melbourne**

Professor Rachelle Buchbinder (Lead Investigator Research Stream 2.2) is opening the BMJ International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare with a presentation of her work on alternative models of care.

### **8-9 October 2018 Redefining Healthcare - Value Based Health Care. Brisbane**

Join Professors Elizabeth Teisberg and Scott Wallace from the University

of Texas Dell Medical School for a two-day interactive dialogue among leaders in value-based healthcare. Further details are available [here](#).

### 10-12 October 2018 IHF 42nd World Hospitals Congress. Brisbane

[Professor Braithwaite](#) will deliver the final plenary session on Healthcare Systems: Future Predictions for Global Care. Towards progress, avoiding pitfalls and achieving sustainability.

At the Congress, A/Professor Yvonne Zurynski will be leading the Partnership Centre's crowd-wisdom survey in collaboration with Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) and the International Hospital Federation, to collect information about the state-of-knowledge on sustainable healthcare system performance.

## Items of interest

- Sydney Morning Herald opinion piece by Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite published 20 August titled: [Where the real solutions to hospital safety lie](#).
- AIHW report on Patients' out-of-pocket spending on Medicare services, 2016–17. [Available here](#).
- Newly released NHS ten-year health systems sustainability plan. [Available here](#).
- Recent Deeble Issues Brief: The impact of the home care reforms on the older person, the aged care workforce and the wider Health System. [Available here](#).
- Consumers Health Forum of Australia: My Health Record Webinar Series. [Available here](#).

## Contact

We welcome the involvement of a wide range of interests, stakeholders and participants in our research, and have included you on this email as you have indicated to us at sometime that you would like to stay up to date with the Partnership Centre. If you know of someone else who may also be interested, please ask them to [contact us](#).

Warm regards,

The Partnership Centre team

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