A message from Katharine Duffy, Director of Nursing, SLHD

The Sydney Local Health District proudly supports nurses and midwives in developing and translating clinical research into practice. The SLHD Nursing and Midwifery Research Council is committed to the development of a robust research infrastructure that will support our staff in their research activities.

Several clinical nursing and midwifery chairs have been appointed in conjoint roles with the University of Sydney and the University of Technology. These roles support specialty research within cardiovascular, cancer, mental health and child and family health nursing and midwifery.

More recently with the support of the Chief Nurse NSW we have been able to appoint Dr Gregory Fairbrother as our Clinical Nurse Consultant for Patient and Family-Centred Care Research and the Nursing and Midwifery Research Fellow, Dr Janice Gullick. Both Janice and Greg play pivotal roles in research capacity and capability-building across all facilities and services within the district. Our research leaders are integral in supporting our service to develop and implement our strategic directions for nursing and midwifery research over the next few years.

Nursing research capacity-building in our local health district

Dr Greg Fairbrother
CNC, Patient & Family-Focussed Care Research

Dr Janice Gullick
Conjoint Nursing & Midwifery Research Fellow

Dr Hala Phipps
CMC, Research

Prof Cathrine Fowler
Child & Family Health

A/Prof Tim Wand
Mental Health

Prof Kate White
Cancer Nursing
Our New Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Research

The SLHD Centre for Nursing & Midwifery Research is a facility created for the purpose of supporting nursing and midwifery research capacity. The Centre for Nursing & Midwifery Research is located in the Clinical Sciences Building at Concord Hospital and provides an environment where nurses and midwives can conduct research and have access to research mentorship and support. The Centre is led by Dr Janice Gullick, Conjoint Nursing & Midwifery Research Fellow and Dr Greg Fairbrother, CNC, Patient and Family-Centred Care Research, who along with Associate Professor Tim Wand, Professor Kate White, Dr Hala Phipps and Professor Cathrine Fowler provide research leadership and support to our staff.

Celebrating our Research Achievements: SLHD Nursing & Midwifery Symposium 2016

CALLING FOR ABSTRACTS!

Join nurses and midwives of the Sydney Local Health District as we celebrate our Research and Practice achievements during our inaugural 2016 Nursing & Midwifery Symposium. We invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at the full-day symposium to be held on the 23rd November, 2016 in the Medical Education Centre, Concord Repatriation General Hospital.

Abstract submissions may fall into two categories: Research or Practice Development. We are interested in reports of both completed projects and projects in progress. There will be opportunities for oral and poster presentations as well as multi-media presentations (such as video-vignettes). We will facilitate both academic and practical support for the production of posters and multimedia presentations.

Abstract submissions should be consistent with the following conference themes: Clinical practice; Patient & family-centred care /experience; Workforce, workplace and systems; and Technology & informatics. An application form is attached. Please contact Janice or Greg (janice.gullick@sydney.edu.au / greg.fairbrother@sswhs.nsw.gov.au) for further information.
New project in profile: The SCHoLAR Project

The SCHoLAR project is a Research Community of Practice, designed as a strategy for collective learning and engagement in clinical research. The project aims to provide senior nurses, midwives and allied health clinicians with access to research education, infrastructure, experience and mentorship, and in so doing, to build the capacity required to meet the research and quality domains of these roles. This project follows a highly successful Research Community of Practice at Concord Hospital that resulted in multiple research publications, national and international conference presentations and enrolments in higher degree research.

Participants work within a small research cluster on a qualitative research project that aligns with their clinical practice. Targeted and individualised education begins with literature searching, ethics applications, and qualitative interview skills. Participants are then mentored through the process of data analysis, developing local practice recommendations and writing for publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact Janice Gullick (janice.gullick@sydney.edu.au)

Researcher in Profile: Dr Hala Phipps

Dr Hala Phipps has over 20 years’ experience in midwifery and has been an active researcher for 18 years, culminating in the award of PhD in 2014. Hala has 18 original research articles published in peer-reviewed journals and is a peer-reviewer for several midwifery and obstetric journals. She has a strong presence in the Midwifery research and development team promoting translational research and innovation in health care. Currently Hala is researching methods of safely reducing the operative delivery rate arising from malposition in the second stage of labour. Her research has been recognised through National Health & Medical Research (NH & MRC) funding and Hala was the first midwife to receive a research award through the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Hala has a strong presence in the multidisciplinary obstetrics team and actively mentors and supervises midwifery students. As a midwife, Hala is strongly committed to alleviating pain and discomfort for both mother and baby.

We welcome Hala in her new role as Clinical Midwife Consultant, Research for the Sydney Local Health District.
In each issue of research news we plan to list recent publications from SLHD nurses and midwives. If you are publishing or presenting your work, please let us know so we can share your research and achievements with your colleagues.

**PUBLICATIONS (2015)**


**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2015)**


Fowler, C. *Breaking the cycle for incarcerated fathers*. Sigma Theta Tau 26th International Nursing Research Conference, 2015


Gullick, JG “Singing the world: Making space for creative philosophical positioning in clinical nursing research”. International Conference on Qualitative Methods, Melbourne 2015.