



Emergency Medicine Foundation

Factsheet

Changes to the Research Support Network

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Following a successful three-year, \$2.2 million pilot, the Emergency Medicine Foundation's Research Support Network has been given the green light to continue.

About the Research Support Network

The Research Support Network is a skills-based infrastructure. It is specifically designed to build and sustain an emergency healthcare workforce engaging in collaborative, quality research.

Driving research activity

Across 30 Queensland emergency departments, the Research Support Network has led to:

- 4x increase in research (36: 2015; 144 :2018)
- 300% increase in collaborative projects (33:2015; 101:2018)
- 6x jump in research ideas targeting patient care (25:2015; 143:2018)
- Creation 12.5 FTE research positions

Research support services

Individual clinicians:

- Developing research ideas into a research plan
- Support with writing grant applications (across all granting bodies)
- Ongoing support and mentoring for the duration of research projects
- Linking clinicians with collaborators
- Mentoring for writing papers and presentations.

Emergency departments:

- Departmental audits
- Research strategies
- Establishing and running research meetings
- Training and education
- Assistance with research projects
- Facilitating inclusion in multisite trials/studies
- Partnering with potential collaborators and funders in industry, academia and government.

Who can join the network?

The Research Support Network is open to all Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHS).

How does a HHS join?

During the three-year pilot, of the Emergency Medicine Foundation provided HHSs with access to the program at no charge, however, from March 2019, the extensive services of the Network require HHSs to co-invest with EMF in building emergency healthcare research capacity in their hospital emergency departments.

HHS Chief Executives are invited to contact the Emergency Medicine Foundation General Manager to discuss an appropriate level of service provision for their emergency department(s).

About EMF

EMF is an Australian not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to emergency healthcare research. Our programs foster innovative, robust and evidence-based solutions.