



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION
RESEARCH METHODS & ETHICS WORKSHOP
FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2009
VENUE: RIVERSIDE HOTEL, BRISBANE

NOTICE: CATEGORY 2 RACGP POINTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED (12)
AMMA HAS APPLIED FOR RACGP CATEGORY 1 POINTS FOR THIS WORKSHOP.

This is an introductory workshop for anyone wanting to progress their ideas for research, write up a case report or learn more about how to write an article and seek funding. The workshop will also focus the interface with the Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs and Universities and research and postgraduate opportunities.

This workshop is aimed at those who are currently working in Health, either in the military or civilian arena and would like more information on:

- How to write a scientific article
- How to pursue a research degree or other postgraduate degree
- How to undertake research and are not sure how to go about it
- Where to find funding sources

Delegate Requirements

To obtain Category 1 points, delegates are required to complete the following:-

1. A pre-disposing activity – for this workshop will be the preparation of a brief outline of your proposed research, together with pre-reading of the article published in Vol 17 No 3 of the *Journal of Military & Veterans Health* **The CMVH Introduction to Military Medicine Course - Gestation, delivery and postnatal period** by Associate Professor Scott Kitchener
2. A willingness to participate in group discussions and submit case studies for discussion with other participants.
3. A reinforcing activity – in this instance, a 200 word outline of what the learnings were from the workshop and how the information gained at the workshop will assist in any future funding / research applications.
4. Respond to the question: How will you apply the learnings from the Research Methods & Ethics Workshop into your practice to deliver better patient care?

The Australian Military Medicine Association exists to support the professional and scientific progress of all matters associated with the health of individuals who serve or have served in the military.

The Association adopts the World Health Organisation (WHO) definition of health as being the keystone of its interests – *Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.*

Recognising this, AMMA will promote the expansion and development of knowledge in all fields and professions of endeavour that impact on the health of military personnel during and after their military careers and in both preventative and treatment modalities: including, but not limited to the fields of dentistry, medicine, nursing, nutrition, occupational health, preventive medicine, public health, psychology and safety management.

To find out more about the Australian Military Medicine Association, visit the website at www.amma.asn.au or check out the Association's scientific publication, The Journal of Veterans & Military Health at www.jmvh.org
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

7.30am to 8.00am	Registration : Riverside Hotel, Brisbane
8.00am-8.15am	Welcome Address, Convenor, Dr Greg Mahoney
8.15am-8.45am	Participants should using their pre-disposing activity introduce themselves and the potential research that they are considering or are presently working on.
8.45am to 9.30am	<p>Introduction to Military Medicine Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scope of research ▪ Importance ▪ Forms of research ▪ Processes – on how to progress your ideas <p><i>Presenter: Associate Professor Scott Kitchener, Medical Director and CEO of The Rural and Regional Queensland GP Training Consortium</i></p>
9.30am-10.00am	<p>Participants to break into groups to discuss their own proposals</p> <p>Presenter Scott Kitchener will provide a question to the group. This session will be 20 minutes of group discussion; and 10 minutes of findings.</p>
10.00am to 10.20am	Morning Refreshments
10.20am to 10.50am	<p>Ethics approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Format ▪ Considerations ▪ Obligations ▪ Wording <p><i>Presenter: Associate Professor Graeme Cannell, Centre for Military & Veterans Health & John Morrison</i></p>
10.50am-11.30am	<p>This session will allow participants to respond to the question from Professor Graeme Cannell about an ethical issue.</p> <p>Groups will need to appoint a scribe to document their findings which will then be distributed post-workshop.</p> <p>These findings will be briefly summarised by Professor Graeme Cannell at the conclusion of this session.</p>
11.30am-12 noon	<p>Research Degrees and Opportunities – the What and Where</p> <p>This session will be facilitated by Dr Greg Mahoney. The session will begin with participants providing input based on their own experiences (15mins).</p> <p>This will be followed by latest information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the current policies? ▪ How are people supported ▪ What are the courses available ▪ Research Training – how do people go about getting further training in research ▪ What is the support available for those study opportunities

12 noon-12.40pm	Panel Session and Discussion to reflect on the morning presentations and group work.
12.40pm – 1.15pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 2.00pm	<p>Getting Published Writing and Preparing your publication</p> <p>This session will form two parts and will give participants further opportunity for discussion.</p> <p>Part 1 – Presenter: Dr Helen Kelsall, Monash University</p> <p>Introduction to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Literature Searches and Reviews ▪ Referencing using endnote and Refworks ▪ Papers ▪ Journal Submissions ▪ Which Journal ▪ Making a scientific presentation at a conference or symposium
2.00pm-2.15pm	Group discussion on Getting Published. Participants are encouraged to bring along published works for discussion.
2.15pm-2.45pm	<p>Part 2 – Dr Dennis Shanks, Director Australian Army Malaria Research Institute</p> <p>Case Studies and examples from the AMI</p>
2.45pm-3.00pm	Group discussion on the Case Studies presented by Dr Dennis Shanks.
3.00pm to 3.20pm	Afternoon Refreshments
3.20pm to 4.00pm	<p>Funding & Interfacing</p> <p>15 minutes opportunity for participants to provide successful funding resources. This will then be followed up by discussion from DVA.</p> <p>This session will have two presenters and will give participants further opportunity for discussion.</p> <p>The session will begin with a short case study of a successful funding application, followed by the process behind the funding application and the interface with the relevant funding bodies, i.e. Department of Defence, DVA, Universities etc.</p> <p>Speaker: Department of Veteran’s Health (TBC) Speaker: Department of Defence (TBC)</p>
4.00pm-4.30pm	Participants to spend 30 minutes in group discussions and early preparation of the reinforcing activity required post workshop or alternatively a review of their own proposed research and what funding opportunities may apply.
4.30pm-5.00pm	Panel & Group Discussion
5.00pm-6.00pm	Post-workshop refreshments