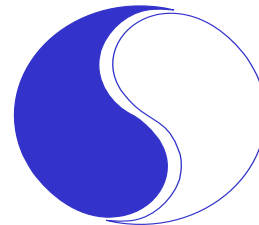


HEALTH OUTCOMES 2008

Facilitating Knowledge Transfer and Exchange For a Dynamic Future

13th National Conference 30 April – 1 May 2008

Rydges Lakeside, Canberra, Australia



Health Outcomes 2008 program will be available soon at: <http://chsd.uow.edu.au/ahoc/2008program.pdf>

With health costs climbing and budgets being stretched, it is crucial that health professionals practice according to the best available evidence. Failure to make use of effective treatments and worse, giving treatments that do harm is a major cause of morbidity in the population. It has been estimated that up to one in two patients fail to receive best evidence care and up to one in ten may actually get treatment which has the potential to be harmful. In addition, it has been estimated that patients only receive around half the treatments they need.

How can we more effectively monitor and improve our practice through the examination of patient health outcomes? How can we more effectively facilitate the implementation of evidence-based health care in routine care settings? How can knowledge management systems help us confront the information deluge? How can we bridge the gap between innovation and routine implementation? How can we ensure the most effective allocation of our health care resources so as to do the most good? How can we achieve better health outcomes for our patients and the population? Importantly, how can we draw on our current knowledge base to achieve these aims to create a dynamic future? Health Outcomes 2008 will explore all of these issues.

Dedicated conference sessions will include:

- New directions & methodological issues in health outcomes research, and the design & application of measurement tools for assessing health (e.g. health status, HRQoL, function, needs, satisfaction)
- Innovative and experimental approaches to health outcomes evaluation particularly in program implementation and practice
- Assessing health outcomes in the National Health Priority Areas (arthritis, asthma, cancer, CVD, dementia, diabetes, injury and mental health)
- Evidence-based health care including approaches in general practice, primary & community care, allied health, nursing & dental care
- Quality improvement systems for health services and hospitals, patient safety and clinical pathways
- Population health, health differentials and inequalities, and health programs and issues for particular population groups, including a focus on indigenous health outcomes and cross cultural issues
- Economic modelling and economic evaluation of population health policy and practice interventions
- Consumer important outcomes and consumer participation in research, projects, policy and programmes

There will be interactive discussion panels, discussion groups and poster presentations.

Professor Neil Aaronson and Prof Suzie Skevington will be our international guest speakers at the conference. Both will also offer a preconference workshop (see below).

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Eight half-day interactive workshops will be held on Tuesday, 29 April. These workshops are designed to provide participants with knowledge and skills, as well as contacts for further information. Participants do **not** have to attend the conference in order to attend preconference workshops.

Morning

- Workshop 1 Health Outcomes: An Introduction and Overview (Jan Sansoni, University of Wollongong)
- Workshop 2 Economic Evaluation: Connecting Costs with Outcomes (Assoc Prof Rosalie Viney and Assoc Prof Marion Haas, Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Technology, Sydney).
- Workshop 3 The Application of HRQOL Assessments in Clinical Research & Practice (Prof Neil Aaronson, Netherlands Cancer Inst)
- Workshop 4 Assessing Patient Satisfaction with Health Care (Assoc Prof Graeme Hawthorne, University of Melbourne)

Afternoon

- Workshop 5 Designing & Assessing Measures for use with Indigenous People (Dr Kate Senior and Dr Richard Chenhall, Menzies School of Health Research)
- Workshop 6 Designing Outcome Measurement Suites (Prof Kathy Eagar and team, CHSD, University of Wollongong)
- Workshop 7 Assisting Health Professionals Use Quality of Life Assessment in Primary Care (Prof Suzanne Skevington, The University of Bath, UK.
- Workshop 8 Introducing Innovation Into Health Care: How to Generate a Sustainable Service (Prof Richard Osborne, Centre for Rheumatic Diseases, University of Melbourne)

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