



It's up and running...

The recently formed Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation ([QEMRF](http://www.qemrf.org.au)) will support research directed at improving the care of patients in Emergency Departments and to develop Emergency Medicine research capacity in Queensland.



Thank you to Dr Sylvia Andrew- Starkey.

In her position of Chair of the Queensland faculty of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), Sylvia was instrumental in the formation of QEMRF and was the inaugural Chair. We wish to thank Sylvia for her dedication, commitment and time spent with us.

We welcome Dr David Rosengren (seen below on the right presenting our first Noel Stevenson Fellowship to A/Prof Peter Aitken at the ACEM Autumn Symposium) as our new Chair. David is an emergency physician at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and at Greenslopes Private Hospital and also replaces Sylvia as the Chair of the Queensland faculty of ACEM. His mission is to actively communicate QEMRF issues to the emergency medicine community and to encourage and support Emergency Medicine Research in Queensland.

Call for Submission - Trainee and Staff Specialist Grants Email final application by 17

June 2009

Apply now for Trainee Grants (up to \$20,000) and Staff Specialist Grants (up to \$50,000). Click on [Application Registration](#) (in this document) and select the type of grant you wish to apply for. Registration information is only basic contact information and study title.

A unique Application ID will then be e-mailed to you. Applicants are welcome to e-mail draft versions of their application to Catrina Codd for feedback via grants@qemrf.org.au or phone 0414 980 321 to discuss. Principal Investigators must be working in a Queensland Health or Mater Health Services Department of Emergency Medicine providing care to public patients. Please see the [QEMRF Website](http://www.qemrf.org.au) (www.qemrf.org.au) for full details.



Success rate of Grants Awarded

Grants awarded First round Nov 2008 and second round Feb 2009

Grant type	Number applied	Number awarded	Success rate
Trainee	8	5	63%
Staff Specialist	5	4	80%
Project	10	8	80%
Fellowships	2	2	100%

Congratulations

to the recipients of recent grants awarded. Full details are available <http://www.qemrf.org.au/> visit grants awarded menu.

Grants Awarded – April 2009 (\$50,000)

Emergency Medicine Staff Specialist (\$50,000)

Dr Ellen Burkett | Princess Alexandra Hospital | \$50,000 | Thomas Marwick, Michael Sinnott, Anne-Maree Kelly | *Prospective cohort study of cardiac risk profile of Emergency Department patients with chest pain: a comparative analysis of risk stratification tools.*

Grants Awarded – February 2009 (\$155,498)

Emergency Medicine Trainee Grants (\$38,400)

Dr Michael Sinnott | Princess Alexandra Hospital | \$16,300 | Georgia Livesay, Ramon Shaban | *Placement of equipment as a factor influencing hand hygiene in the Emergency Department (Hand Washing Equipment).*

Dr David Ward | Nambour General Hospital | \$13,050 | Logan Stuckey, Paul Negus | *Cost effectiveness and clinical outcomes of B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) point of care testing versus Bnp laboratory testing for adults with dyspnoea in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Nambour General Hospital.*

Dr David Ward | Nambour General Hospital | \$9,050 | Bethany O'Neill, Paul Negus | *Will a mandatory clinical debriefing program affect levels of psychological distress in Emergency Registrars?*

Emergency Medicine Staff Specialist (\$117,098)

Dr David Spain | Gold Coast Hospital | \$42,200 | John Pierce, Julia Crilly, Gerben Keijzers | *ABC's (Armbanding, Barcoding, Compliance) of patient safety – Armbanding the emergency patient – does technology reduce patient misidentification of pathology specimens – a prospective interventional observational trial in a large tertiary emergency department.*

Dr Philip Richardson | Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital | \$50,000 | Kevin Chu, Jaimi Greenslade | *End of Life Issues – withdrawal of treatment / Decision not to treat in the Emergency Department: a prospective multi-centre study.*

Dr Ronald Clark (Original PI was A/Prof W Robert Pitt) | Royal Children's Hospital | \$24,898 | Jennifer Crimmins, Ronald Clark, Robyn Brady, Robert Pitt | *Comparison of the quality and completeness of the medical record and the proportion of appropriate referrals for suspected abusive injury of young children presenting to two representative Qld Paediatric Eds using traditional ED worksheets and purpose designed pre-printed worksheets both computer generated in EDIS and manually distributed.*

Did you know?

There is a process for applying for release of health information held by the department for the purposes of research under the provisions of the *Public Health Act 2005*

From 3 November 2008 all HREC applications to be submitted to a Queensland Health HREC will need to be submitted on the online [Qld Health NEAF](#) (National Ethics Application Form)

Funding Schemes in Brief - There are six QEMRF research funding schemes (click for application):

1. [Emergency Medicine Trainee Grants](#) - up to \$20,000
2. [Emergency Medicine Staff Specialist Research Grants](#) - up to \$50,000
3. [Project Grants](#) - up to \$100,000 per year for three years
4. [Program Grants Scheme](#) - up to \$250,000 per year for three years
5. **Leverage Funding** – up to \$50,000 per annum for the term of the grant (The process is still being finalised)
6. **Research Fellowship Scheme** – up to \$150,000 per year Salary Costs
[Short Research Fellowship](#) (Full-time or Part-time, 1-2 years)
[Research Fellowship](#) (Full-time or Part-time, 3 -6 years)
Outcomes would need to include a research-based higher degree (research based Masters, Professional Doctorate, PhD, DrPH or MD).



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