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Research Fundamentals

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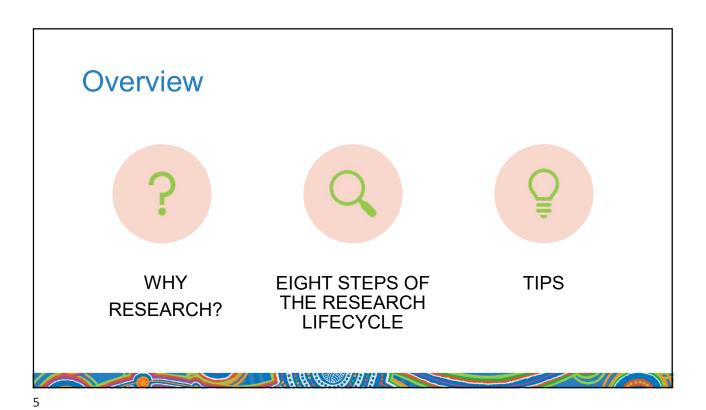
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Why research?

- To **create** new knowledge (that is hopefully trustworthy)
- To **share** the new knowledge with others
- To **help** others (e.g. patients, policymakers)

When you conduct research, know YOUR why.

Who are you doing this for?

Ensure your research reaches the people who can help you achieve your why.



Overview

- 1. Identify the problem
- 2. Learn about the problem's context (ie literature review)
- 3. Design the study (ie **protocol**)
- 4. Plan the project (ie proposal)
- 5. Execute the study & project
- 6. Evaluate the study & project
- 7. Summarise your work
- 8. Disseminate your work

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Eight steps of the research lifecycle

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1. Identify the problem

- · What is the problem?
 - Can you articulate it? If not, consider tools such as P.I.C.O. (Population, Intervention/Interest, Comparator, Outcome).
 - E.g. What is the level of satisfaction of patients who receive wound care consultations for their acute wounds, from a pharmacy-based wound clinic?
 - E.g. What types of information do Australian consultant pharmacists receive on HMR referrals?
 - Frame the problem as a **useful** answerable question (this is your **working** research question).

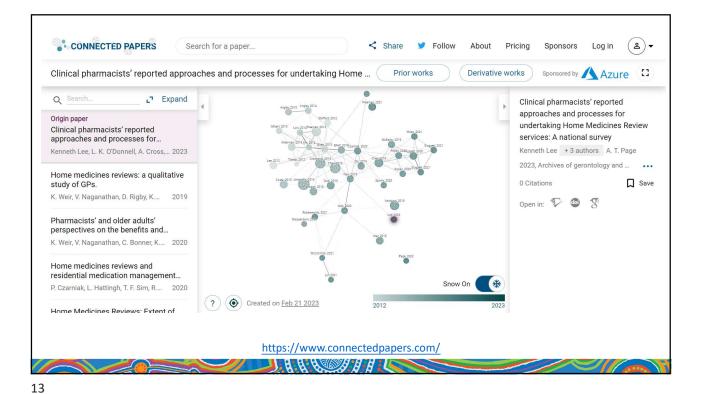
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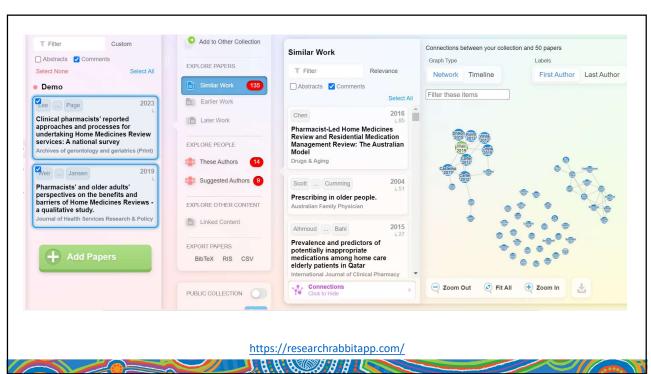
1. Identify the problem



- Is it actually a problem?
 - Unsure? Have a read through the literature (cursory search). Consider tools like Google Scholar, PubMed, J.A.N.E., Connected Papers, ResearchRabbit for an initial search.







2. Learn about the problem's context (ie literature review)

- Formally vs informally:
 - If informal: could use the same tools as per previous step (e.g. PubMed etc), but with the main purpose to learn about what's been done and where the gaps are.
 - If formal: consider what type of literature review you would like to do, e.g. scoping vs systematic review (see handout), and consider software (e.g. Research Screener, Covidence)
- Learning the context can help you refine your research question.

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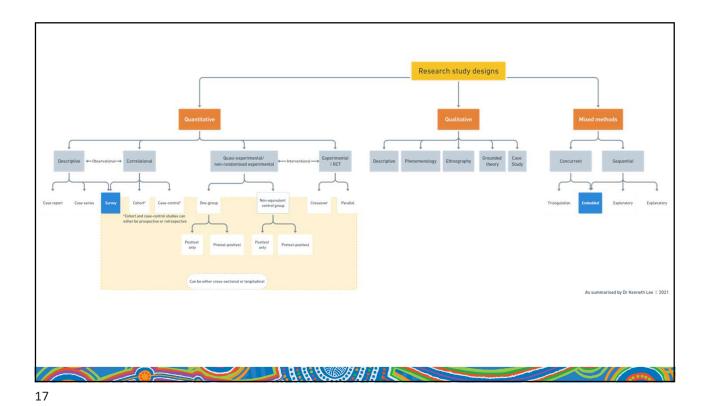
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3. Design the study (ie protocol)

Key considerations

- 1. Define your aims & objectives
- 2. Select a study design* (e.g. experimental vs observational)
- 3. Consider who your participants are and how you will recruit

- 4. Consider how you will collect your data (e.g. questionnaire, interview, focus group)
- 5. Consider how you will analyse your data
- 6. Consider ethics application vs approach



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3. Design the study (ie protocol)

Once you've identified a suitable study design, find a relevant reporting guideline: https://www.equator-network.org/



4. Plan the project (ie project proposal)

Key considerations (in addition to the protocol)

 Project methodology: e.g. Waterfall vs Kanban vs Scrum

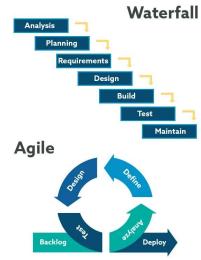


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4. Plan the project (ie project proposal)

Key considerations (in addition to the protocol)

- Personnel & responsibilities
- Project risk evaluation and mitigation strategies
- Timeline
- Budget



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5. Execute the study & project

- Continue to monitor the study and the project progress throughout the execution. E.g. weekly meetings
 - Consider 'stand-up' meetings where each team member reports on:
 - 1) what they did last week,
 - 2) what roadblocks they encountered,

3) what they plan to do next.

6. Evaluate the study & project

- Statistical analysis vs qualitative analysis (or a mix of both)?
 - Regardless of the type of evaluation, involve relevant personnel from near-conception of the study as

poor/inappropriate study design

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poor/inappropriate data collect

= unreliable data analysis

Irrespective of the study findings, was the project a success?
 E.g. did you complete it on time and appropriately spend resources?

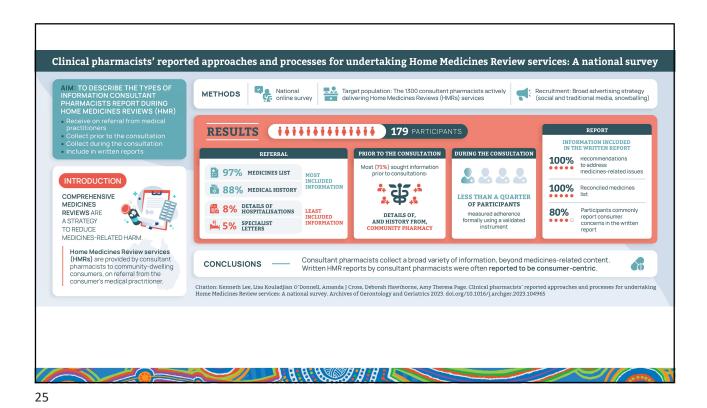
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7. Summarise your work

- Write ≥ 1 manuscript / report
- Consider a lay summary (depends on your intended audience)
- Consider a visual abstract



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8. Disseminate your work

- Publish in peer review journals
 - Consider using J.A.N.E. to decide on a target journal
- Present at conferences
- Share on social media
- · Contact media outlets





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Tips

- Find a team!
 - · Research librarian
 - Academic
 - Clinician
 - Biostatistician
 - Science communicator
 - Project manager
 - · Research assistant
 - Communications strategist
- Ensure your research can be replicated (at least in theory), and that your analyses can be reproduced.



Coming up next

16 Feb Introductory Biostatistics

Michael Dymock, Telethon Kids Institute

8 Mar Using Social Media in Research Dr Amy Page, UWA

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1. Formulating a research question

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PubMed tutorials are at:

https://learn.nlm.nih.gov/documentation/training-packets/T0042010P/

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6. Data management

Note: The Research Skills Seminar Series has a seminar on data management for which materials are available.

"Data Collection and Management" will be presented on 11 October, 2024 tbc

Watch the 2023 presentation from our Past Seminars page: https://www.cahs.health.wa.gov.au/Research/For-researchers/Research-Education-Program/Seminars

WA Health Research Governance Policy and Procedures Handbook (internal CAHS) https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/About-us/Policy-frameworks/Research/Mandatory-requirements/Research-Governance-Policy

Also see the Research Governance Service website for WA for additional information: https://rgs.health.wa.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx

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7. Translating results into action

Note:

The Research Skills Seminar Series has a seminar on knowledge translation for which materials are available.

"Knowledge Translation" will be presented on 23 August, 2024

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How to put the evidence into practice: implementation and dissemination strategies NHMRC 2000 CP71 http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/publications/attachments/cp71.pdf https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/2292903

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8. Research Screener

The Department of Research at CAHS is offering a limited number of places for research staff to use Research Screener. **What is Research Screener?**

Research Screener is a web-based application that semi-automates the process of conducting literature and systematic reviews. It does this by ranking research articles based on their relevance using machine learning and natural language processing to improve the research screening process.

When undertaking literature and systematic reviews you can spend the majority of your time screening thousands of articles for relevance. On average it takes 63 weeks to publish a systematic review article and the time and productivity lost cost up to \$10,000 for each paper.

From early validation of Research Screener on 9 previous systematic review studies, the algorithm/Al model was able to potentially save the researchers between 63 to 92% of the manual screening time reading irrelevant abstracts. For example, for one systematic review, the algorithm ranked all the relevant abstracts in the first 2,950 abstracts out of 23,423 (ie 13% would only need to be read by the researchers). For more information go to: www.researchscreener.com

More information and a recorded training session is available on the CAHS REP healthpoint (internal DoH users only): <u>Additional Resources (health.wa.gov.au)</u>

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1	9 Feb	Research Fundamentals	Dr Kenneth Lee, UWA	REGISTER	2023
2	16 Feb	Introductory Biostatistics	Michael Dymock, TKI	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
3	8 Mar	Social Media in Research	Dr Amy Page, UWA	REGISTER	2023
4	22 Mar	Introduction to Good Clinical Practice	Alexandra Robertson, CAHS	REGISTER	2023
5	19 Apr	Research Governance	Dr Natalie Giles and Tracy Chapman CAHS	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
6	3 May	Scientific Writing	A/Prof Tony Kemp, UWA	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
7	17 May	Project Management	Melanie Wright, SMHS	REGISTER	2023
Mon	20 May	World Clinical Trials Day Workshop	tbc	REGISTER	2023
8	24 May	Getting the Most out of Research Supervision	A/Prof Sunalene Devadason, UWA/CAHS	REGISTER	<u>2022</u>
9	7 Jun	Research Impact	Dr Tamika Heiden, Vic	REGISTER	2023
10	21 Jun	Conducting Systematic Reviews	Prof Sonya Girdler, Curtin Uni	REGISTER	2023
11	19 Jul	Consumer & Community Involvement in Research	Belinda Frank, TKI	REGISTER	2023
12	26 Jul	Oral Presentation of Research Results	Dr Giulia Peacock, CAHS	REGISTER	2023
13	2 Aug	Sample Size Calculations	Michael Dymock, TKI	REGISTER	2023
14	9 Aug	Rapid Critical Appraisal of Scientific Literature	Dr Natalie Strobel, ECU	REGISTER	2023
15	16 Aug	Media and Communications in Research	Peta O'Sullivan, CAHS	REGISTER	2023
16	23 Aug	Knowledge Translation	Prof Fenella Gill, Curtin/CAHS	REGISTER	2023
17	30 Aug	REDCap for Data Capture and Management	Dr Giulia Peacock, CAHS	REGISTER	2023
18	6 Sep	Involving Aboriginal Communities in Research	Cheryl Bridge, TKI and co.	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
19	11 Oct	Data Collection and Management	Dr Giulia Peacock, CAHS	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
20	18 Oct	Grant Applications and Finding Funding	Dr Tegan McNab, TKI	REGISTER	2023
21	25 Oct	Statistical Tips for Interpreting Scientific Claims	Michael Dymock, TKI	REGISTER	2023
22	1 Nov	Survey Design & Techniques	Dr Giulia Peacock. CAHS	REGISTER	2023
23	15 Nov	Ethics Processes for Clinical Research in WA	Dr Natalie Giles, CAHS	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
24	22 Nov	Qualitative Research Methods	Dr Lorna Davin, Notre Dame	REGISTER	<u>2023</u>
25	29 Nov	Innovation and Commercialisation	Dr Helga Mikkelsen (Brandon BioCatalyst) & Ashley Schoof (TKI)	REGISTER	<u>2022</u>

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Introductory Biostatistics

16th February 2024 12.30 -1.30pm



Understanding and reporting research results

This seminar covers fundamental statistical concepts for clinical researchers, including why we use significance testing, how to interpret confidence intervals and p-values, how sample size and variability affect results, why bias and confounding factors are important considerations in designing studies, and when to seek statistical support.



Meet the presenter

Michael Dymock Biostatistician, Telethon Kids Institute



Michael is a biostatistician and PhD candidate based at the Telethon Kids Institute. His research interests involve the use of Bayesian methods in adaptive clinical trials, computational statistics, and novel methods for vaccine safety surveillance. He aims to bridge the gap between clinical research design and decision-making by enhancing research methodology and encouraging statistical literacy and communication.

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Using Social Media in Research

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12.30 -1.30pm

Building and maintaining your 'brand'

As a researcher, it is difficult to reach the public and broadcast your work. Building and maintaining your "brand" will help set you apart. This seminar provides the tools to connect with other researchers, build your network.

and in the long run, effectively translate your research to a wider audience.





Meet the presenter

Dr Amy Page Senior Lecturer – School of Allied Health, UWA



Dr Amy Page is a registered consultant pharmacist and qualified biostatistician. Her vision is to reduce medicines-related harm while balancing symptom control to align with individualised treatment goals for older people to improve well-being. She undertakes knowledge creation and translation through implementation, practitioner development, communication and media, engagement with professional bodies and policy for sustained impact on pharmacy practice.

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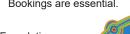
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