

## Nursing Research

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### Nursing Research at Alfred Health

#### Vision

To improve health outcomes for the community through the development, conduct and dissemination of high quality, relevant research.

#### Strategic Intent

To conduct high quality research that makes a substantive contribution to scientific knowledge, clinical nursing practice and quality patient care.

#### Objectives

1. Conduct high quality research that provides evidence for clinicians and consumers in determining the most effective treatments to improve patient outcomes.
2. Develop and promote strategies that encourage patient-centred, evidence based practice.
3. Provide research training and support for early career researchers.
4. Foster interdisciplinary, national and international research collaborations.
5. Build a program of research that is nationally and internationally recognised.
6. Provide advice, leadership and expertise for nursing practice, education and profession organisations.

### Deakin Alfred Health Nursing Research Centre (DAHNRC)

Deakin Alfred Health Nursing Research Centre is a partnership between Deakin University and Alfred Health. The Centre is led by Professor Tracey Bucknall and supported by researchers and research students (Honours, Masters, PhD). Deakin University's partnership with Alfred Health provides clinical research opportunities for nurses across a variety of acute and specialty health care settings. This collaborative partnership provides a unique opportunity for nurses seeking clinically focussed research training or clinicians seeking experience and involvement in research projects at Alfred Health. Staff at the centre provide research advice and support for Alfred Health nurses planning or conducting clinical projects. The Centre has a research agenda that specialises in developing and implementing evidence for nursing practice to enhance the quality and safety of health care. The overarching research program focuses on clinical decision making and knowledge translation, with current research priorities including:

- patient participation in health care decision making;
- recognition and management of deteriorating patients;
- clinical handover and interdisciplinary communication;
- medication safety;
- pressure injury prevention; and
- evaluation of health services.

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