

Menzies Centre for health policy: Emerging Health policy Research Conference 2010

Research today improving health care tomorrow: *Translating research and shaping policy for an agile self-improving health system*

Session précis

Research and education/training are central to achieving health reforms – a research rich and knowledgeable workforce provides the leaders, skills, knowledge, models and tools for an efficient and sustainable system and a workforce able to deliver improved health outcomes.
(NSW directions workshop April 2010)

What would be the first steps you would take to establish a more effective interface between health services, research and education to ensure a research rich and knowledgeable workforce and rapid take up emerging knowledge?

Join the NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer and leaders in health policy, services, research and education in a working session (with refreshments) to advance thinking on what the model would look like and concrete steps to take it forward.

Background

In April 2010, the NSW Minister for Science and Medical Research released a discussion paper: *Developing a vision for NSW health & medical research in the context of national reforms*. The paper, followed by two working group sessions, was designed to prompt discussion and feedback on future directions for the NSW health and medical research sector having regard to a range of national health and research reforms. These sessions provided rich feedback, including

- Fundamental elements to successful change management in health system related to gaining pull through of research products to their end use.
- Strengthening engagement of a range of relevant stakeholders, including local communities
- Making specific provision for research management within the health system
- Embedding research performance measures in health practice
- Reflecting geographic and population diversity in the health research system.

Other Australian states have commenced similar exercises to gain a better understanding of research activity in the health system and opportunities for improving the relationship and engagement between research, education and practice.

The ***Research today - improving health care tomorrow*** workshop aims to build on the knowledge and feedback obtained to date both in NSW and other jurisdictions; emerging with models of how these concepts would work in practice. The session will take the form of a relaxed networking environment, with propositions put to tables of researchers, administrators and clinicians. A panel made up of leading health policy thinkers will comment on some of the broader trends facing the sector today and discuss the solutions arising from the tables.