



WentWest (WSPHN) Research Strategy and Priorities

Research Conference and Workshop

7th September 2020



The WentWest Mission and Research

WentWest, as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network has an interest in the social, economic, environment, health and wellbeing of the people in our geographic region. Our mission is:

Working in partnership to lead better system integration and coordination, strengthening equity and empowerment for Western Sydney communities and the people who care for them.

To achieve this mission WentWest is committed to working with a wide range of stakeholders and partners to research and evaluate the impact that programs and services have on the community and on the health care professionals who serve them.



Research and Evaluation Scope

Research at WentWest is an evolving and collaborative effort frequently involving system partners from government (State and Federal) academic, health care, social and community organisations with a focus on the western Sydney community.

These partnerships focus on the multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and ultimately our health and well-being.

(Adapted from: US Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, 2000)

Evaluation is increasingly important.....Assessments, conducted as systematically and impartially as possible, of commissioned services and programs with a focus on determining the level of achievement against the appropriate dimensions of the Quadruple Aim..

Research and Evaluation both important

	EVALUATION	RESEARCH
AIM	Systematic investigation to provide answers	
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of an activity, program, strategy etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of new knowledge
METHODS & TECHNIQUES OF INVESTIGATION	Shared research methods & techniques	
PARTICIPANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involved in or related to the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be anyone
AUDIENCE FOR COMMUNICATION OF FINDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local: organisation, community, governing or funding bodies (primary audience) Professional community (often) Scholarly community (sometimes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local as the first step in reporting Professional community (often, especially if it has implications for practice) Scholarly community (primary audience)

Research and Evaluation Scope



Research and Evaluation Priorities

Reform

PCMH/N

Digital Care



Mental Health

Chronic Disease

Vulnerable Populations

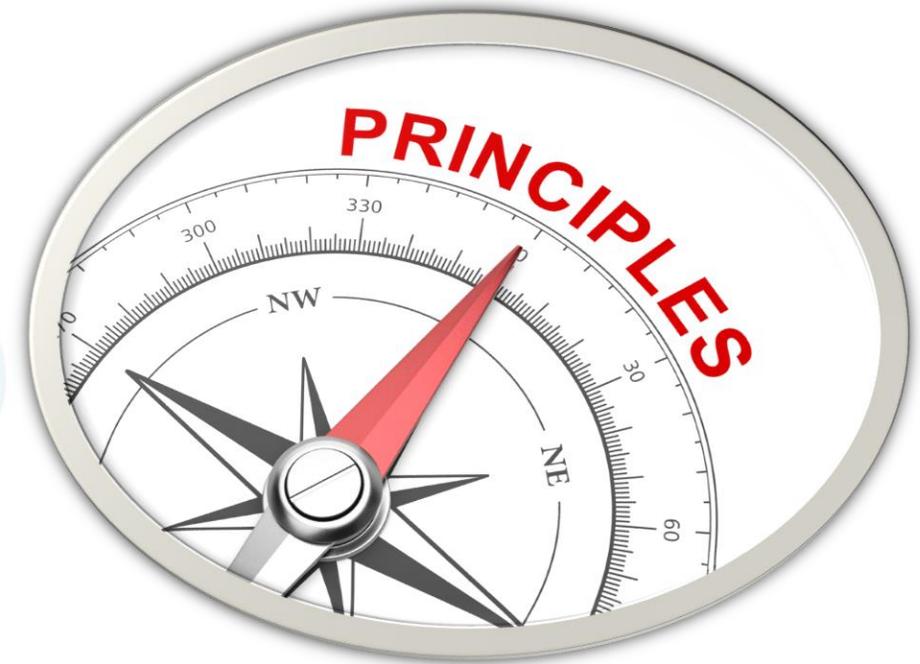
Research and Evaluation Goals

Transform the health and wellbeing of the western Sydney community through collaborative research and evaluation.

- Foster mutually beneficial and impactful research partnerships
- Health consumers at the heart of research and evaluation
- Centre of data analytics, research and evaluation excellence
- All major programs and activities with a research and/or evaluation component embedded
- Have regional, state and national impact
- Integrated research-practice partnerships



- Supports realisation of the WentWest mission and strategic plan objectives and research priorities
- Meets appropriate research standards
- Is approved by a properly constituted Human Research Ethics Committee
- Recognises the value of GP, AHP and consumer/ carer time in participating in research
- Ultimately benefits the general community or the health professional community



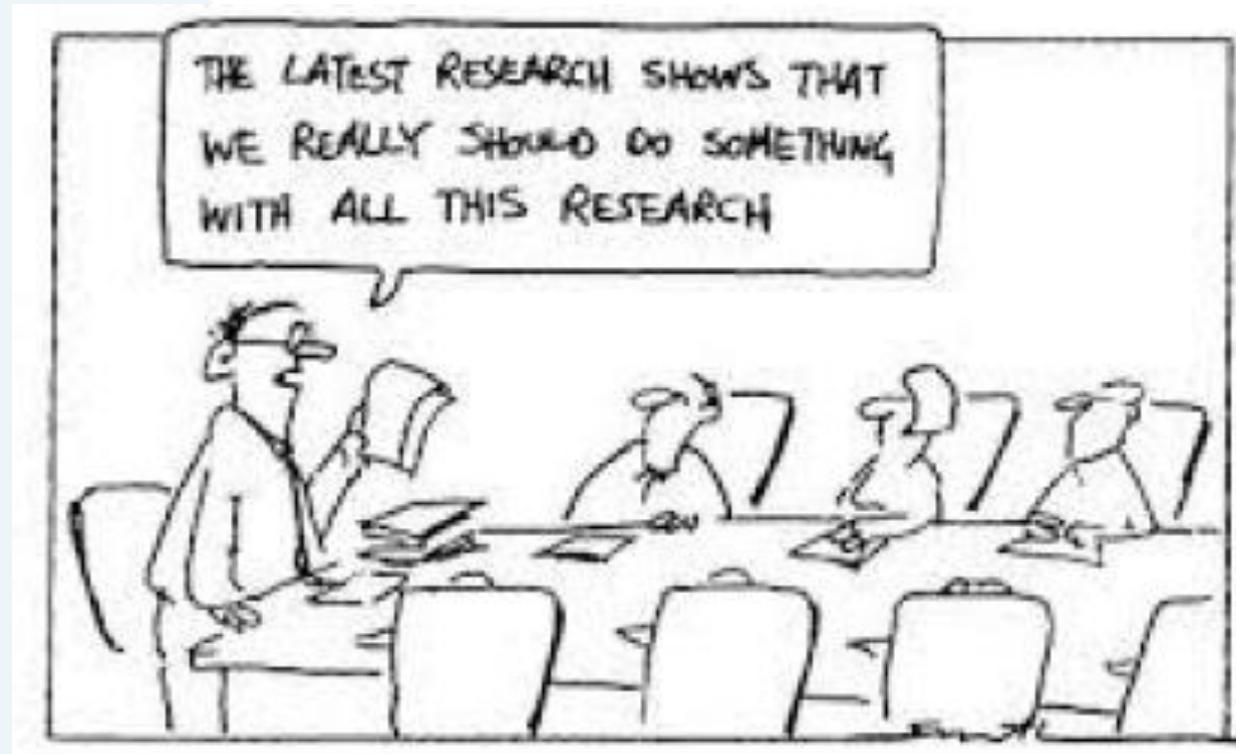
The Practicalities.... Research partner likely needs

Level 1	No resources from WentWest. The researcher requests a letter (from WentWest) to show support for the research proposal without commitment of resources.
Level 2	Limited assistance from WentWest, for example distribution of questionnaires to practices on the database. Normally the researcher would be required to meet the full cost of such assistance.
Level 3	Commitment of significant resources by WentWest and is a request for collaboration in order to undertake the research. These resources could include using WentWest employees to recruit and engage general practitioners, to distribute information, to collect data and implement the research protocol. It may also include allocation of equipment and physical space or other significant use of time and resources.
Level 4	Utilisation of the analytical services and data sets held by the WentWest Health Intelligence Unit including any linked data sets. This may include co-location of university researchers and support to enhance the HIU capability and capacity to facilitate the required work.
Level 5	Joint partnership on an agreed proposal with full input into development, submission, governance and implementation.

Some partnerships will require a combination of these levels

Strategic research and evaluation choices aligned to priorities

Currently approaching 30 different research initiatives underway.



Significant collaborative opportunities are before us...

