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# “Evidence, guidelines and practice: the way forward in a digital age”

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

SMC Conference & Function Centre  
66 Goulburn St  
Sydney.

# About the Meeting

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## **Evidence, guidelines and practice: the way forward in a digital age**

CareTrack Australia was undertaken because it was clear that funding inappropriate care was consuming resources required for the care needed and wanted by some Australians. It found that appropriate healthcare was being delivered to adult Australians at only 57% of encounters and that there were consistent gaps in the care of some conditions. It also highlighted problems with the current system for developing, disseminating and implementing guidelines; many are cumbersome, out of date, hard to use and difficult to access.

Debate after the publication of CareTrack highlighted that experts place great emphasis on evidence, especially hard evidence (Level 1 or Grade A recommendations), whereas healthcare providers appeared to place equal or more weight on consensus-based recommendations. This raises the question: What should form the basis for clinical care – evidence or consensus?

Currently there are gaps between what medical trainees are taught, what providers practice and what experts think should happen and there is an urgent need to establish some “common ground”. This information can provide the foundation for a framework for developing standards, indicators and tools that could potentially be incorporated into ‘apps’ and electronic medical records to guide, document and monitor the healthcare provided and received both within Australia and across the world at large. This meeting will explore these issues and help to set the stage for maximising the benefits of the digital revolution.

Regards,



Prof. Bill Runciman

Professor – Patient Safety & Healthcare Human Factors, University of South Australia |  
Research Fellow – Australian Institute of Health Innovation – UNSW |  
President – Australian Patient Safety Foundation |  
Clinical Professor – Joanna Briggs Institute, Faculty Health Sciences, The University of Adelaide |

# Program

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Time	Topic	Speaker/Panel Member/Facilitator
0930 – 1000	Registration and morning tea	
1000 – 1020	Welcome and meeting objectives – “Framing current situation about evidence”	Bill Runciman
1020 – 1120	The need for greater transparency <i>and utility</i> in guideline recommendations – some possible solutions.	Ian Scott
	Group/Panel discussion – Dealing with multiple agendas	Jeffrey Braithwaite
1120 – 1220	Developing the Cancer Council Australia Wiki platform	Ian Olver
	Group/Panel discussion – Who are the arbiters of good practice?	
1220 – 1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
1300 – 1400	Developing standards of care at the National level	Heather Buchan
	Group/Panel Discussion – Monitoring care on a National level	Chris Baggoley
1400 – 1500	Group/Panel discussion – “Practice that is evidence based vs practice that is not” – a case scenario (heart failure)	Bill Runciman
1500 – 1515	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
1515 – 1615	Group/Panel discussion – The way forward : guidelines, indicators and Wikis	Helena Williams
1615 – 1630	Summary and Close	Bill Runciman

# Speakers

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## ***Ian Scott MBBS, FRACP, MHA, MEd***

Dr Ian Scott is a consultant physician in internal medicine and Director of the Department of Internal Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. He is a current member of Queensland Health Patient Flow and Clinical Redesign Executive Committee and the Quality Expert Advisory Group of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). He has led large-scale multi-site quality improvement programs and has research and teaching interests in health services evaluation, evidence-based medicine, quality improvement and knowledge transfer. He has authored over 130 papers in peer-reviewed journals and is a co-investigator in several NHMRC funded programs. He was awarded the John Sands medal for services to the RACP in 2011.



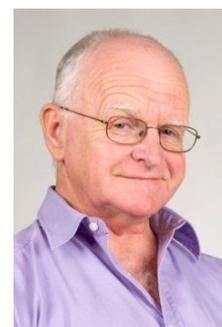
## ***Ian Olver MBBS, MD, PhD, CMin, FRACP, MRACMA, FACHPM***

Professor Ian Olver is a medical oncologist and researcher who has been CEO Cancer Council Australia for 7 years after serving at Royal Adelaide Hospital for 15 years where he was Clinical Director of RAH Cancer Centre. At CCA he is developing a program of clinical guidelines using a wiki platform. He has published 220 papers in the medical literature and written several books. He currently chairs the Australian Health Ethics Committee of NHMRC and serves on NHMRC Council and on the Advisory Council of Cancer Australia. In 2008 he was awarded the Cancer Achievement Award by the Medical Oncology Group of Australia. He was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2011 for service to medical oncology.



## ***Bill Runciman BSc (Med), MBBCh, FANZCA, FJFICM, FHKCA, FRCA, PhD***

Professor Bill Runciman has published over 240 scientific papers/chapters and a book. After nearly 40 years in clinical intensive care practice he is now undertaking fulltime research into patient safety, and is involved in major projects on appropriateness of clinical care and on classification and terminology for patient safety. His most recent work (CareTrack) has shown that Australians received appropriate care for 22 conditions at just over half of eligible healthcare encounters in the years 2009 and 2010. He is now leading a drive for national agreement on the content and format of national clinical standards, indicators and tools to advance the use of appropriate care in Australia.



## ***Heather Buchan MBChB, MSc, FAFPHM***

Heather Buchan is Director of Implementation Support with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. She is a public health physician with a particular interest in improving use of evidence-based care.



# Registration

To register your participation in the “Evidence, guidelines and practice: the way forward in a digital age” meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the SMC Conference Centre – 66 Goulbourn St Sydney – please complete the registration form and make payment.

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