

The Australian Health Research Alliance (AHRA) National Framework for Health Services Improvement and Sustainability - an MRFF funded National Systems Level Initiative

Background

AHRTCs and CIRHs have successfully contested for MRFF funding with proposals to work together nationally on collaborative programs. Broadly, these programs aim for better aligning healthcare delivery needs and research agendas. One of the four programs, a health services improvement and sustainability (HSIS) national framework is under development aiming for public presentation at the NHMRC Translation Symposium.

Objectives

The national framework for HSIS aims to promote a new approach for partnership across healthcare, academic and consumer sectors. Specifically, it will provide recommendations to establish and promote health systems improvement and sustainability activities for implementation by the AHRA.

Method

Working groups focusing on health services research, evidence synthesis and dissemination; change and improvement in clinical practice and health systems evaluation and assessing new models of care; have each produced recommendations for review by the national steering committee. Recommendations will be revised and prioritized by AHRA and key external stakeholders at a national workshop July, and undergo further stakeholder consultation in September-October.

Results

Recommendations are in draft form but include for consideration by the AHRA, a national implementation science academy, a national institute for health services, public and preventive health research and a national model for local or regional health economic evaluation of models of care and new technologies.

Conclusions

The HSIS national framework will complement the other AHRA national systems level initiatives in data driven healthcare improvement, community and consumer engagement in research and indigenous research workforce capacity building and will be a broad interest to health research translation community.