

Advancing Allied Health Evidence Based Practice in the Private Sector



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Aim: To optimise quality in private healthcare by embedding clinical research into allied health practice and culture.

Method: A new private-public research partnership was created between La Trobe University and Healthscope to generate allied health research relevant to the sector and translate clinical research findings to clinicians and consumers.

Results: A new Professor of Clinical and Rehabilitation Practice was appointed. The main roles were to be a knowledge generator, knowledge broker, quality champion, team member and allied health advocate.

New projects have commenced on patient reported outcome measures, health program evaluations and rehabilitation outcomes. Joint teams have been formed and funding gained. Publications, conference presentations, workshops and research higher degree student projects are early outputs.

Significance: Building a culture of evidence based practice by **strengthening the connections between clinical research and quality processes** aims to optimise patient outcomes and patient satisfaction. Collaborative quality initiatives of this type also foster allied health staff recruitment, retention and discretionary effort to achieve workplace goals.