

Growing allied health research within a health service

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Background:

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service is building research capacity of allied health professionals through a local Research Fellow and other mechanisms.

Aim:

Measure change in research experience and support needs over a five year time frame 2010-2015.

Methods:

Cross sectional surveys distributed via Survey Monkey

Results:

A significant increase in 10 out of 14 individual research activities over the 5 years. An increase in research support was also observed suggesting allied health staff now 'know what they don't know' about research. Interest in improving clinical care drives AHPs to participate in research.

Significance:

Research capacity building of AHPs is successful. The high levels of interest and the benefit of improving care suggests further capacity building would continue to increase research activity in the health service.

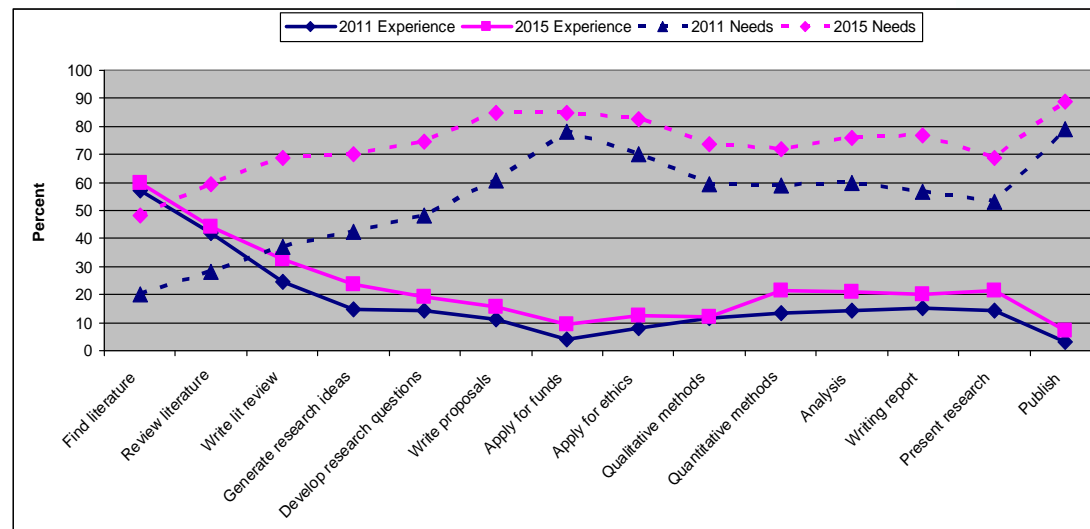


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