



Building allied health research capacity at a regional Australian hospital: a follow-up study

Results from a cross-sectional follow up survey measuring allied health research capacity demonstrated:

- Increased research experience and increased need for research support
- Improved research culture e.g. higher level of agreement that research is relevant to the job
- Allied health have altruistic reasons for doing research i.e. to improve clinical outcomes
- Despite increased experience levels of traditional RCB outcome measures (grants and papers) are still low
- Dedicated personnel and space increase capacity

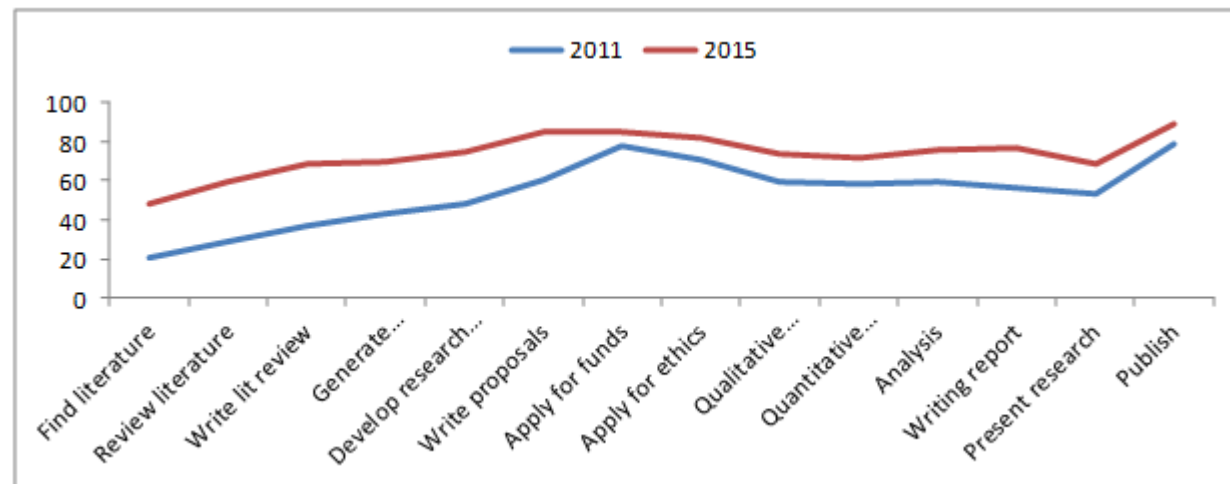


Figure 1 (above) Increased need for support in the follow up survey – they now **“know what they don’t know”**

Conclusion:

- Allied health research profile is unlikely to increase without significant input of time and resources e.g. clinician researcher positions