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PCR NEWS



Christine Cummins presenting Kath with leaving gift on behalf of PCR

New CEO for Health Research Council, NZ

We are delighted to congratulate Professor Kath McPherson, our founder and current Co-Director of PCR, on her appointment as CEO of the Health Research Council (HRC), NZ. We will miss her energy, passion, humanity and wealth of knowledge, but wish her every success in her new [challenge](#).

What now for PCR?

Since its foundation 10 years ago Kath has continuously sought to develop PCR into a strong sustainable Research Centre. The Centre works authentically with community stakeholders and contributes both to the research and teaching

communities within AUT University and beyond, with PCR structures reflecting that. Dr Nicola Kayes will be joining our current Co-Director Professor Paula Kersten to jointly lead the Centre. Together with Research Cluster Leaders and the Management Team, they are both poised to move us on into the next ten years of innovation in disability and rehabilitation research.

“.....Kath will leave us with a great legacy and PCR is in a strong position to continue to grow. Thank you Kath.”

- Paula Kersten, Co-Director PCR

New major in case management at AUT University

From 2015, AUT University will be offering a new major in case management in our Bachelor of Health Science programme. This comes in response to calls from industry and a growing recognition of the lack of training provision and existing workforce capacity to support a coordinated approach to healthcare delivery across the continuum of care.

This development has been led by PCR researchers Nicola Kayes and Peter Larmer. Case management is a collaborative process which involves working in partnership with an individual, their family, and health service providers to optimise health and wellbeing outcomes for individuals living with the impact of injury or illness. Case managers play an integral role as part of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. There are no other universities in New Zealand that offer an undergraduate degree in case management and this qualification is an important first step in seeing case management recognised as a profession in the NZ health context.

New research at PCR

This year has seen several new project awards and strategic research linkages for PCR, including involvement in two of NZ's Centres of Research Excellence (CoREs).

Brain Centre of Research Excellence (Brain CoRE)

Kath McPherson led a successful Brain CoRE grant application earlier this year which Nicola Kayes will be leading in the new year as named investigator with Pauline Norris (UoO - PI), and Leigh Hale (UoO). The project 'Living well with mild cognitive impairment' is intended to embed the experience of those with brain impairment and their family/whānau in the CoRE[more](#).

AUT University Strategic Research Investment funding (SRIF) awards

We are delighted to say that AUT University has just awarded PCR SRIF funding for another 12 months (led by Paula Kersten and Nicola Kayes). Duncan Babbage has also been successful with SRIF for the eHealth Centre, and we have supported a couple of additional successful bids from collaborators within other Faculties.

New publications from PCR

PCR related publications are being regularly updated on our [website](#) . Below are a small selection of recent additions:

Journal articles

Babbage, D. R. (2014). Open and abundant data is the future of rehabilitation and research. Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 95, 795-798.

HRC project funding

Nicola Kayes has received funding from the HRC to lead a project starting in the new year. Research findings can take two decades or more to find their way into practice. This has given rise to a whole new field of research seeking to identify strategies to enhance uptake of research findings into practice – Implementation Science. This project aims to apply knowledge translation strategies to address a long standing issue in physiotherapy: enhancing adherence in an outpatient musculoskeletal physiotherapy setting.....[more](#).

Medech Centre of Research Excellence (MedTech CoRE)

Paula Kersten has been invited to replace Kath as one of the principle investigators and member of the management group for the MedTech CoRE.

Bright, F. A. S., Kayes, N. M., Worrall, L., & McPherson, K. M. (2014) A conceptual review of engagement in healthcare and rehabilitation. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 0(0), 1-12. doi:doi:10.3109/09638288.2014.933899

Hocking, C. (2014). Adding value to population health. *OT Insight*, 35(2), 4-5.

Hocking, C. (2014). Occupational therapists as human rights activists. *OT Insight*, 35(5), 4-5.

Kersten P, White PJ, Tennant A (2014). Is the pain Visual Analogue Scale linear and responsive to change? An exploration using Rasch analysis. *PLoS ONE* 9 (6): e99485.

Kirk H, Kersten P, Crawford, P, Keens A, Ashburn A, Conway J (2014). The cardiac model of rehabilitation for reducing cardiovascular risk factors post Transient Ischaemic Attack and stroke: a randomised controlled trial. *Clinical Rehabilitation*. 28(4) 339-349

Krägeloh, C. U., Czuba, K. J., Billington, D. R., Kersten, P., & Siegert, R. J. (2014). Using Feedback From Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Mental Health Services: A Scoping Study and Typology. *Psychiatric Services*, 0(0), doi:10.1176/appi.ps.201400141

Theadom, A., Hollands, T., Foster, A., McPherson, K.M. (2014). Exploring participant experiences of research after traumatic brain injury. *Brain Injury*. 28(7): 995-1002

Thomas P, Thomas S, Kersten P, Jones R, Slingsby V, Nock A, Davies Smith A, Baker R, Galvin K, Hillier C (2014). One year follow-up of a pragmatic multi-centre randomised controlled trial of a group-based fatigue management programme (FACETS) for people with MS. *BMC Neurology*. 14:109.

Books and chapters

Hocking, C., Shordike, A., Vittayakorn, S., Bunrayong, W., Rattakorn, P., Wright-St. Clair, V., & Pierce, D. (2014). Different ways of doing food: Cultural influences on food preparation. In D. Pierce (Ed.), *Occupational science for occupational therapy* (pp. 133-142). Thorofare, NJ: Slack.

Kayes, NM. & Theadom, A. (2014). Developing a research proposal. In Wright St-Clair, V., Reid D., & Shaw, S. (Eds.), *Evidence Based Health Practice*. Oxford University Press.

Kersten P, Larmer P (2014). In Wright-St Clair, Reid and Shaw (Eds), *Evidence Based Health Practice*. Chapter 18 Tools for review. P 238-256. Oxford University Press.

Larmer P, Kersten P (2014). In Wright-St Clair, Reid and Shaw (Eds), *Evidence Based Health Practice*. Chapter 19 Understanding systematic reviews. P 257-268. Oxford University Press.

McPherson, K.M. Gibson, B.E. Leplege, A. (eds) (2014) *Rethinking Rehabilitation Theory*. CRC Press, Taylor& Francis: Boca Raton (in press).



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