



Strategic Plan 2020 - 2022

The NSW Regional Health Partners is a collaboration of eight health services and academic institutions in the Hunter, New England, Central Coast and Mid North Coast. The partner organisations are committed to supporting translational health and medical research to drive evidence-based innovation in clinical practice, improved clinical and population health outcomes and enhanced health systems decision-making. The partnership promotes sharing of information and resources, reducing duplication and accelerating the spread and sustainability of improvement.

Our Objective:

To make appreciable improvements in health outcomes and patient and provider experience by promoting the translation of evidence into practice.

To do this we will:

1. Drive high quality translational health research
2. Develop interest and capability within our partner organisations to undertake translational health research
3. Increase consumer and community involvement in translational health research
4. Build collaborations between clinicians, consumers, managers, researchers and policy makers



Our purpose: To accelerate the translation of evidence into practice to improve the health and well-being of regional and rural communities, and the efficiency and effectiveness of health services

1. Drive high quality translational health research

- 1.1. Fund translational research with the greatest potential to improve clinical practice or public health. This may include studies of replicability, adaptability, scalability, sustainability and effectiveness.
- 1.2. Promote best practice in translational research, including:
 - Creation of evidence syntheses
 - Use of co-design
 - Detailed study of context
 - Use of patient reported measures
 - Evaluation of outcomes that includes clinical, social and economic measures
- 1.3. Prioritise rural and regional health, service gaps, and equity issues including Aboriginal health
- 1.4. Share findings, outcomes and experiences of research with clinicians, the community, educators, decision makers and funders
- 1.5. Facilitate access to clinical trial research by:
 - Providing supportive systems and researcher training
 - Supporting Department of Health, Council of Australian Governments (COAG) initiatives, and NSW Ministry of Health to address improved research governance and access to clinical trials

2. Develop interest and capability within our partner organisations to undertake translational health research

- 2.1 Develop awareness, skills and knowledge in:
 - Research design and methodologies
 - Economic and social evaluation
 - Evidence-based decision making
 - Change management
 - Public messaging
- 2.2 Create opportunities for clinicians, managers and researchers to set priorities together and participate in translational health research
- 2.3 Support research that feeds into the clinical research pipeline, supports clinician researchers' career development and provides opportunity for further funding
- 2.4 Integrate translational research design principles into health professional courses

3. Increase consumer and community involvement in health research

- 3.1 Require consumer and community involvement in research we fund
- 3.2 Provide opportunities for consumers to participate in priority setting, research design and research delivery
- 3.3 Train and support researchers to build consumer and community involvement into their research
- 3.4 Build consumer awareness of the evidence-practice gap and consumer demand for best practice

4. Build collaborations between clinicians, consumers, managers, researchers and policy makers

- 4.1. Facilitate multidisciplinary and multi organisational teams to develop proposals for funding
- 4.2. Partner with other health translation centres and research organisations on research programs and grant applications addressing rural and regional priorities across Australia
 - Contribute actively to the Australian Health Research Alliance
 - Collaborate with the NSW Rural Health Research Alliance, the other NSW translational centres and the NSW Ministry of Health to develop translational research that has impact across NSW
- 4.3. Prepare policy briefs and submissions to government to promote the work of NSW Regional Health Partners and the value of translational health and medical research
- 4.4. Maintain accreditation of NSW Regional Health Partners
- 4.5. Pursue increased and new funding