Epworth HealthCare continues to build on its national and international reputation as an academic hospital group providing excellence in clinical services, education and, importantly, research. This allows us to discover new and better ways to treat our patients, unravel disease pathways and facilitate important clinical and healthcare breakthroughs. This is clearly enunciated in our purpose, which is laid out in the Epworth Strategic Plan 2013–2017:

*Epworth aims to improve the health, wellbeing and experience of every patient by integrating clinical practice with education and research.*

Health and medical research is increasingly being embedded as an integral part of Epworth’s clinical activities. We have a vibrant clinical trials unit that allows our patients to have access to the latest, cutting edge drugs, devices and treatment modalities. We also have an increasing number of clinical research projects being run by our motivated medical, nursing and allied health staff.

During the 2014/15 financial year, Epworth has broadened its horizons to increase collaborations with leading medical research institutes, universities and research groups amplifying Epworth’s presence in professional research within the private health sector. We have also been fortunate to be able to financially support a growing number of research projects being conducted by our own clinical researchers. Additionally, we have recently instigated a process to recognise the endeavours of our important collaborators, by appointing them as Honorary Research Affiliates of Epworth. This allows us to build on our research capability and strengthen these critical relationships with our research collaborators and partners.

Our proudest achievement is the integral role research now plays in the daily professional lives of our clinicians and staff and the benefits this provides to Epworth patients. The Epworth Research Institute represents Epworth’s commitment to providing world-class patient care through leading-edge research.

I would like to thank everyone who has so generously supported our research: our patients, our committed staff, clinical practitioners, research affiliates and collaborators. The key highlights, current research projects, posters and presentations, along with published works included in this document, together with the ‘Research’ section outlined in the 2014/15 Epworth Annual Report represent the continued dedication and hard work by all those involved in research at Epworth.

*Mrs Janet Latchford, Chair, Epworth Research Institute*
YEAR AT A GLANCE

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS
All research projects undertaken at Epworth require prior approval from the Epworth Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). One of Epworth’s key attributes is the timely execution of research project approvals which contributes to the growing research activity.

ERI RESEARCH GRANTS
Every year, the Epworth Research Institute provides competitive grant funding for research projects to be conducted at Epworth. Grants are funded in two categories: major grants of up to $50,000 and small grants of up to $10,000. In 2014/15 there were 14 projects funded to a total of more than $405,282.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS
The ever increasing number of publications in peer-reviewed, international journals, books and book chapters is reflective of the excellent research output taking place at Epworth.
The Clinical Trials & Research Centre continues to support commercially sponsored and investigator-initiated clinical trials across a number of disciplines, including oncology, cardiology, orthopaedics, anaesthetics and nephrology.

Building on Epworth’s strengths in the mental health arena, research at Epworth has expanded to perform clinical trials in this space with two trials in dementia opened.

Epworth’s clinical capabilities now include performing Phase I trials and there are now two Phase 1 oncology trials open.

This is the fifth year of Epworth Research Institute (ERI) grants to support Epworth clinical researchers. The ERI Research Committee was impressed by the quality of the applications for the year, with competition for funding rising each round. This year there were a record 30 applications to be considered for support. The Research Committee recommended 14 projects for funding (seven large grants and seven smaller grants) with a combined support of $405,282.

The fifth annual Epworth Research Week was held in June 2015, with a record 46 poster submissions displayed in the Epworth Richmond auditorium. Speaker sessions addressed areas of current research interest, including research with commercial partners, nursing researchers, cardiac sciences, oncology and early phase cancer clinical trials, mental health research and resources to support researchers. Two new initiatives for this year was to display the posters at other Epworth sites in the ensuing weeks and the hosting of a research symposium at Epworth Camberwell as part of Research Week.

The annual ERI Dinner was held during Research Week, with more than 200 people attending to celebrate Epworth’s achievements and hear the announcement of successful grant recipients. The dinner was held at the MCG and was a fabulous event attended by ERI staff, Epworth Board of Management members and executives, clinicians and staff involved in research, collaborating partners, guests from government and funding bodies, and ERI benefactors. We were very fortunate to have Professor Sir Gustav Nossal give the oration, highlighting Epworth’s role in the discovery-to-delivery pathway for translational research.

Epworth continues to celebrate its noted clinical leaders through the naming of ERI research grants. Another two honourees joined the five inaugural honourees celebrated at the 2015 ERI Dinner — Professor Jack Cade (intensive care) and Dr Murray Johns (sleep physician) join Professor Brian Buxton, Professor Priscilla Kincaid-Smith, Mr Kingsley Mills, Dr Graeme Sloman and Associate Professor Joe Tjandra.

Epworth has continued to be actively involved as a founding member of the Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre that has now been formally recognised by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), only one of four such centres recognised nationally. This highlights the importance of translational research, with Epworth being a key healthcare provider in Monash Partners.

Epworth is also a member of the Australian Centre of Health Research (ACHR), which continues to build a reputation in providing strategic advice and position statements and commissioning reports to government and the health sector. This alliance is a leading independent, not-for-profit policy institute addressing challenges in performance, policy and productivity across the health and ageing sectors.
Epworth and the ERI have strong representation in the newly formed Western Alliance Academic Health Sciences Centre, through Epworth’s Geelong hospital development initiative. The Western Alliance is positioning itself as the key healthcare and clinical research player in the south-western region of the state.

A developing partnership between Epworth and the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation has grown under the leadership of Associate Professor Tom Jobling and Dr Andrew Stephens.

ERI has worked diligently to strengthen links with industry and increase commercial trial activity. Clinical research activity consisting of investigator-initiated and commercially sponsored trials has grown significantly every year with over 200 projects approved by the Epworth Human Research Ethics Committee.

During 2014/15, over 350 presentations were given at clinical research meetings, conferences and symposia, a significant increase over past years.

Publications of articles and book chapters continue to increase, reflecting the growing activity in clinical research undertaken at Epworth. In 2014/15, there were 215 publications by authors with an Epworth affiliation, an increase of almost 20% from the previous year.

This year saw the instigation of a new scheme at Epworth to recognise the significant contributions made by our clinical research collaborators and associates. The Epworth Honorary Research Affiliate status is an appointment made to those collaborators who are involved in research projects being conducted at Epworth. Up to June 2015, there were 20 Honorary Research Affiliates appointed in this inaugural year.

ERI has inaugurated a series of Achievement Awards for research at Epworth, which were announced at the 2015 ERI Dinner. These included the Epworth Early Career Researcher of the Year awarded to Dr Nicole Tan, the Epworth Research Leader of the Year awarded to Professor John Olver, the Clinical Trial of the Year awarded to Associate Professor Tony Walton and the Epworth External Research Funding Award to Professor Richard de Steiger.
Timely ethical approval of research projects

All research conducted at Epworth must be approved by Epworth’s Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) before it can commence. Led by Reverend Professor Emeritus Christiaan Mostert (Chair, HREC) and Professor Mari Botti (Chair, Low-Risk Subcommittee), the HREC is formed under the auspices of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) which provides leadership and advice regarding research governance in Australia.

One of Epworth’s key attributes is the timely execution of research project approvals. The Research Development and Governance team and Clinical Trials and Research Centre (CTRC) team work closely with the HREC coordinator to facilitate ethics submissions and approvals to ensure timely execution. This also applies to a number of investigator-led research projects which are approved by the HREC on an annual basis.

Epworth would like to thank the members of the HREC for their continued dedication and support with research studies. We particularly thank Professor John Olver, A/Professor Jim Breheny and Ms Harriet Ziegler, who resigned from the HREC during FY2014/15 after a number of years of service, and welcome Mr Ian Unwin, who has recently joined the HREC.

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*Alternate for Professor Fisher
CLINICAL TRIALS AND RESEARCH CENTRE
Epworth Research Institute’s aim to improve health and healthcare services is being realised through collaboration, advocacy and operational excellence in research. The Hoddle Street research precinct at Epworth Richmond is the home of the seven Epworth professorial units, the Clinical Trials and Research Centre (CTRC) and the recently established Musculoskeletal, Dermatology, Prostate and Ovarian Cancer Research Centres. This co-location of research groups enables daily interaction, improving opportunities for collaboration, and encourages cross-disciplinary research activities.

The ongoing expansion of research across Epworth is coordinated by the CTRC which provides support services to Epworth clinicians, staff, affiliates and collaborators, assisting with a growing portfolio of investigator-initiated research programs across all eleven Clinical Institutes. Support services are also provided to commercial organisations that undertake clinical research at Epworth. The CTRC plays a key role in the promotion of Epworth’s research activities and developments both internally and externally, and is responsible for organising research forums and events, as well as producing publications.
Always a highlight in Epworth HealthCare’s event calendar, this year’s Research Week was held from 15–19 June, and offered an exciting program of events to showcase Epworth’s research projects, with the annual Research Dinner held on Thursday 18 June at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Epworth Research Institute promotes and funds health-related research across Epworth, with the goal of discovering new and better ways to treat our patients and offer them access to leading-edge research.

Key forums and symposia of the week included:

- ‘Next Generation of Research’, by keynote speaker Dr Scott Johnson, PhD, Director, Research & Strategic Collaborations, Varian Medical Systems
- ‘A systematic approach to the management of post-operative pain. Developing and translating the evidence for effective and patient-engaged pain management’ Nursing Research Symposium, presented by Professor Mari Botti, Chair in Nursing, Ms Susan Hunter, PhD student and Ms Joanne McDonal, PhD student
- ‘Frontiers in lipid management’ Cardiac Sciences Research Forum, presented by Professor Andrew Tonkin, Head of Cardiovascular Research Unit, Monash University
- ‘Translational Research in Oncology’ Research Grand Round, presented by Dr Ross Jennens, Medical Oncologist, Epworth HealthCare and Dr Jason Lickliter, Medical Oncologist, Epworth HealthCare
- ‘Minimal invasive brain stimulation with a focus on TMS’ Mental Health Research, presented by Dr Peter Farnbach, Honorary Research Affiliate, Epworth Camberwell Rehabilitation Centre
- ‘Resources to Support Your Research’ Q&A session, presented by Ms Tess Vawser, Director, Clinical Education and Simulation; Ms Susie Moreton, Library Manager; Ms Gerlinda Amor, Research Governance Officer, Research Development & Governance; A/Prof Dean McKenzie, Biostatistician, Research Development & Governance; Mr Steven McConchie, Group Manager, Clinical Institutes & Medical Audit; Professor Mari Botti, Epworth/Deakin Chair in Nursing, HREC member and HREC Sub-Committee Chairperson; Professor Nilmini Wickramasinghe, Epworth Professor, Director Health Informatics Management; Dr Gershon Spitz, Research Fellow, Epworth/Monash Psychology Rehabilitation Research Centre; Ms Elizabeth Moore, Physiotherapist Epworth Rehabilitation.

ERI Dinner awards

The ERI Dinner was held on Thursday 18 June at the Melbourne Cricket Ground’s Olympic Room, attended by invited guests including ERI grant applicants, poster presenters, award honourees and Epworth Research Week speakers.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Sir Gustav Nossal, FAA Professor Emeritus, the University of Melbourne.

“Gustav absolutely stole the night and left everyone quite inspired,” says Gerlinda Amor, research governance officer at ERI.

“The dinner was a resounding success with poster and grant winners thrilled to accept their awards.”

Epworth’s Executive Director Academic and Medical, Professor John Catford started off the ceremony, introducing the ERI grant awards, named after influential Epworth clinicians. Two new honourees were announced this year — Dr Murray Johns and Professor Jack Cade — introduced by Professor Richard Gerraty and Dr Julian Hunt-Smith, respectively. Congratulations to the recipients.
RESEARCH FUNDING AWARDS
This is the fifth year of the Epworth Research Institute (ERI) grant awards, made possible through a research corpus generated from funds donated to the Epworth Medical Foundation. In 2014/15, we received 30 applications for funding from Epworth HealthCare researchers, the highest number yet. The research committee of the ERI, chaired by Professor John Catford, convened to assess and rank the applications. The ERI Board approved the support of a total of 14 ERI grants, with a total level of funding support of $405,282.

In line with a new initiative started last year, seven of the ERI grants have been named in honour of influential Epworth clinicians, recognising each honouree’s contribution to Epworth’s growth and development during critical periods in the organisation’s history.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

**ERI grant recipients for 2014/15:**

**Professor Brian Buxton Research Grant**

**Dr Ameera Deen** — Colorectal Fellow, Epworth Eastern/Epworth Richmond

*Effects of surgical humidification in minimally invasive and open abdominal surgery*

**Associate Professor Joe Tjandra Research Grant**

**Dr Phil Smart** — Colorectal Surgeon, Epworth Eastern

*How can key tools and technologies of today’s information age be designed, developed and adopted to support clinical decision-making in the context of rectal cancer surgery*

**Mr Kingsley Mills Research Grant**

**Dr Nicole Tan** — Anaesthetics, Epworth

*A prospective, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, two-arm superiority trial to determine the efficacy of local infiltration analgesia for anterior total hip replacement*

**Dr Graeme Sloman Research Grant**

**Dr Neda Haghighi** — Epworth Radiation Oncology, Epworth Richmond

*Pilot study to investigate whether SBRT in the preoperative setting is technically feasible and clinically safe*

**Professor Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Research Grant**

**Associate Professor Nathan Lawrentschuk** — Urology, Epworth Freemasons

*Oligometastatic prostate cancer: Imaging with Gallium PSMA PET-CT and management of suspected metastases in men undergoing primary prostate treatment*

**Dr Murray Johns Research Grant**

**Professor Mark Frydenberg** — Epworth Prostate Centre

*Examining the outcomes of Australian men managed with Active Surveillance (AS) for low risk localised prostate cancer*

**Professor Jack Cade Research Grant**

**Professor Mari Botti** — Epworth Deakin Centre for Clinical Nursing Research, Epworth Richmond

*Translation of evidence into pain management practices in acute care environments*
Epworth research institute small grants

Ms Delia Naughton — Occupational Therapist, Epworth Camberwell
*The effectiveness of SaeboFlex therapy versus conventional therapy to improve hand function in clients after stroke*

Dr Paul Paddle — Epworth ENT/Health Information Management
*The development of a hospital secure messaging & communication platform*

Ms Sara Aldous — Physiotherapy, Epworth Rehabilitation
*Return to sport, social and leisure activities following traumatic brain injury (TBI)*

Mrs Megan Banky — Physiotherapy, Epworth Rehabilitation
*A preliminary validation of the Microsoft Kinect and Smartphone system to establish the ecological validity of the Modified Tardieu scale as a clinical measure of lower limb spasticity for walking following injury to the central nervous system*

Dr Addie Wootten — Clinical and Allied Health Research; Epworth Prostate Centre
*Outcomes of penile prosthesis implant following radical prostatectomy*

Mr Daniel Hamilton — Epworth Radiation Oncology, Epworth Richmond
*Calypso Phantom Study*

Dr Frances Wise — Epworth Monash Rehabilitation Medicine Unit
*Establish the impact of health literacy on patient rehabilitation outcomes following hip or knee joint replacements*

Research poster awards

Best New Researcher Poster:
Ms Natalie Grima (PhD student with Professor Jennie Ponsford)
*Circadian melatonin rhythms and sleep dysfunction following traumatic brain injury*

Best Experienced Researcher Poster:
Associate Professor Gavin Williams
*The distribution of positive work and power generation amongst the lower-limb joints during the stance phase of walking normalises following recovery from traumatic brain injury*
Epworth Research Institute achievement awards

This year saw the instigation of the Epworth Research Institute Achievement Awards. These are to recognise the contribution of Epworth researchers in a variety of categories. The winners of the inaugural awards were announced at the ERI Dinner in June and received their awards from the Chair of the ERI Board, Ms Janet Latchford. We congratulate the four recipients of these new awards of recognition.

**Epworth Early Career Researcher of the Year — Dr Nicole Tan**

Anaesthetist Dr Tan is active in clinical research and is the Epworth principal investigator on two multi-centre, national clinical trials (BALANCED, looking at anaesthetic depth, and RELIEF, using restrictive versus liberal fluid therapy in abdominal surgery) in perioperative/anaesthesia. These trials are currently actively recruiting at Epworth. Furthermore, Dr Tan was announced as the winner of the Mr Kingsley Mills Research Grant at the ERI Dinner, receiving an Epworth Research Institute large grant.

**Epworth Research Leader of the Year — Professor John Olver AM**

Professor Olver was made a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2014 for significant service to medicine, particularly the treatment and rehabilitation of acquired brain injuries. He is leading an active research group and is mentoring a number of junior colleagues. In the 2015 ERI grant applications a member of his research team was principal investigator and four of the five research grant applications submitted were recommended for funding by the ERI Board.

**Epworth Clinical Trial of the Year — Associate Professor Tony Walton**

Trial title: CoreValve® International Clinical Study: Percutaneous Aortic Valve Replacement (PAVR) with the Medtronic CoreValve® System (MCS) Australia/ New Zealand Study

Eighty patients were recruited into the CoreValve Study between 22 March 2010 and 21 October 2013 at Epworth HealthCare (584 patients in total have been recruited thus far in Australia and New Zealand). Twenty-one patients continue in their two-year follow-up period, with the last patient visit scheduled for October 2015. This clinical trial has been given excellent publicity for Epworth and benefitted from strong recruitment, with Dr Walton and Epworth being the second-best recruiting site for the Corevalve site worldwide.

**Epworth External Research Funding of the Year — Professor Richard de Steiger**

Professor de Steiger was part of a team of three chief investigators that was awarded an NHMRC Project Grant for 2015–2017 entitled, ‘Towards a rational strategy for osteoarthritis therapy’. (Grant application 1085240.) The amount of funding awarded was $910,084 over three years, in which a significant proportion of the funding will come to Epworth HealthCare, including the appointment of a research scientist to be based at Hoddle Street. This funding solidifies a very successful collaboration between Professor de Steiger and Professor John Hamilton of the University of Melbourne, who is one of Australia’s leading immunologists researching inflammation and related diseases.
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