

Program of Events

Week 1: October 2nd – 6th

Date	Time	Title/Webinar Link	Details	Presenters
Monday 2nd October	12.00– 1.00 pm	Epworth Research Month 2023 Launch Event Webinar Recording	Official launch of Research Month 2023. Includes presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sarah Carson, Research Program Manager of the Julia Argyrou Endometriosis Centre at Epworth • Prof Nathan Lawrentschuk, founding Director of the EJ Whitten Prostate Cancer Research Centre at Epworth 	Prof Andrew Stripp, Dr Vivek Nigam, Prof Ingrid Winship, Dr Sarah Carson, Prof Nathan Lawrentschuk
Tuesday 3rd October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Monash Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre: Updates in acquired brain injury research Webinar Recording	This seminar will provide an update on the latest research in acquired brain injury from the Monash Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre, including positive behaviour support, online safety, neuroimaging, and cognitive behavioural therapy, and will provide practical clinical tips and takeaways.	Dr Kate Gould, Dr Gershon Spitz and Dr Lucy Ymer
Wednesday 4th October	1.30 – 2.00 pm	The partnership is greater than the sum of the parts: why EKS and Research belong together Webinar Recording	We will present a theory/practice overview covering research support services offered by EKS, and how they were useful to an early career researcher.	Susie Moreton and Cassie Huang
Wednesday 4th October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Nursing Symposium 1: Workforce development and innovative models of care Webinar Recording	Presentations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce retention – early careers in a post-COVID world • Creating a culture of care for patients with cognitive impairment • Update on the MyStay program of research 	Phillipa Power, Suzie Hooper, Wendy Villella and Damien Khaw

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Thursday 5th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	<p>Sexual Functioning and Wellbeing After TBI: Exploring Survivors' Experiences and Needs for Healthcare</p> <p>Transforming Care: Co-Designing Clinician-Driven Support for Sexuality After TBI at the Epworth ABI Rehabilitation Unit</p> <p>Evaluating a novel CBT for sexual wellbeing after TBI</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	Join us in this symposium to learn about the real-life experiences and needs of individuals with TBI, discover how clinicians are collaborating for better support, and explore an innovative therapy to address post-TBI sexual functioning and wellbeing. Gain valuable insights and practical knowledge to navigate this highly sensitive but important topic.	Dr Jill Hwang and Prof Jennie Ponsford

Week 2: October 9th – 13th

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Monday 9th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	<p>Research Governance 101</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	The Research Development and Governance Unit will provide a run-down of the essential information researchers need to know, from initial submission through to post-approval governance requirements and study close-out.	Sharona Ungar and Elisa Coceski
Monday 9th October	1.00 – 1.30 pm	<p>Comparing everything, everywhere, all at once!</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	When examining multiple groups, categories or procedures, there are many possible statistical comparisons that can be made. For 10 categories there are 45 possible pairs of comparisons, for example. Practical statistical methods, many of which are available in SPSS, will be described.	A/Prof Dean McKenzie
Tuesday 10th October	12.00 – 12.30 pm	<p>Designing an automated symptom tracking platform to</p>	Our project began with a fundamental question: How can radiologists determine if they are	Dr Paul Smith

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		<p>improve patient outcomes: how we did it, initial results and insights</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>achieving positive therapeutic outcomes for their patients, especially when they lack outpatient facilities for patient reviews? To bridge this gap, we developed a symptom tracking platform that facilitates real-time evaluation of treatment responses. Through analysis of data from over 1,000 patients, the platform identifies individuals requiring further investigation, highlighting its potential to elevate the quality of patient care.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 11th October</p>	<p>12.00 – 1.00 pm</p>	<p>Research Agreements made simple</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>Attend this session to find out about How, Why and When of Research Agreements. We will also decode some of the key clauses, hidden information and process pathways.</p>	<p>Sarah Rickard and Jenny O'Brien</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th October</p>	<p>2.00 – 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Nursing Symposium 2 - Innovation at Epworth</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>Presentations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Brookes Nursing & Midwifery Academy • Experiences (so far) being involved in a multi-site study evaluating falls bed alarm disinvestment • Interdisciplinary simulations, communication and teamwork • Evaluation of deteriorating patient education program at Epworth Geelong. • Innovative use of digital multimedia to increase best practice at the bedside. • Introduction of a perioperative physician to improve outcomes for complex surgical patients admitted to Epworth Freemasons. 	<p>A/Prof Nicole Argall, Kate Steen, Tess Vawser, A/Prof Christine Jackman, Suzie Noye, Jess Goldsmith, Jane Peters and Dr Vivek Nigam</p>

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Thursday 12th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Rehabilitation Research – Session 1 Webinar Recording	Current PhD and Clinical Research Projects under the banner of PRoSpER (Physiotherapy Research Epworth Rehabilitation) and EMReM (Epworth Monash Rehabilitation Medicine Unit) will be presented.	Megan Banky, Liam Johnson, Matt Wingfield and Prof John Olver
Friday 13th October	12.00 – 1.30 pm	Jreissati Pancreatic Centre at Epworth - Beyond Imaging: EUS-guided procedures for pancreatic cancer Webinar Recording	This symposium will highlight the versatile applications of endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) in pancreatic cancer diagnosis and treatment. Presentations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is EUS and how is it performed? • EUS for early pancreatic cancer detection and diagnosis • Genomic profiling of pancreatic cancer by EUS-FNA • Interventional EUS for pancreatic cancer (OncoSil™) 	Caroline Le, A/Prof Andrew Metz, Dr Alina Stoita, Dr Owen McKay and Mr Dan Croagh

Week 3: October 16th – 20th

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Tuesday 17th October	12.30 – 1.00 pm	Novel Native Tissue Apical Support Procedure using Harvested Uterosacral Ligament onto Vaginal Tissue: Pre-Clinical & In-Vivo Video	Our group will present a surgical video demonstrating the anatomical basis, technical feasibility and in-vivo surgical steps of a novel surgical technique using the uterosacral ligament for the treatment of apical pelvic organ prolapse.	Dr Ruth Cameron-Jeffs
Tuesday 17th October	4.30 – 5.30 pm	Research Month 2023 Poster Event	Celebrating the latest and greatest research taking place at Epworth. Held in person on Ground Floor, 185-187 Hoddle Street Richmond.	Prof Andrew Stripp, Dr Vivek Nigam, Prof Ingrid Winship, various researchers
Wednesday 18th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Quality Matters Webinar Recording	This session will cover elements in research quality management	Dr Jane Loke

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			and why it can be a love letter to your future self when done well.	
Wednesday 18th October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Nursing Symposium 3: Highlights from the International Congress of Nursing in Montreal 2023 Webinar Recording	Coming together in Unity to Learn, Share and Network to build a better future for nursing and health care.	Adj Prof Kate Gillan, Tony King, Jessica Wilson, Nikki Harrison, Jane O'Connell and Suzie Hooper
Thursday 19th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Rehabilitation Research – Session 2 Webinar Recording	Current PhD and Clinical Research Projects under the banner of PROSpER (Physiotherapy Research Epworth Rehabilitation) and EMReM (Epworth Monash Rehabilitation Medicine Unit) will be presented.	Edwina Sutherland, Dr Nathan Johns, A/Prof Dean McKenzie and Bianca Fedele
Friday 20th October	10.00 – 10.30 am	Stepping beyond Counts in Recovery of Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Prospective Study on Passively Collected Gait Metrics Webinar Recording	Advances in sensor-based technology (mobile phone/wearable devices) allow for continuous passive collection of qualitative gait metrics. When linked with cloud based active rehabilitation algorithms (AI or not) could this become the new standard of care?	Mr Cam Fary

Week 4: October 23rd – 27th

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Monday 23rd October	12.00 – 1.30 pm	Evaluation of an Early Vocational Rehabilitation Service following major traumatic injuries Patient and clinician perspectives of an early vocational rehabilitation service Return to work after traumatic brain injury	Return to work after traumatic injuries is an important rehabilitation goal, however vocational rehabilitation is not routinely offered early after injury as part of primary rehabilitation. We will present the findings from a 3-year randomised control study conducted at Epworth Rehabilitation and Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre where dedicated vocational therapists	Dr Pamela Ross, Prof Jennie Ponsford, Dr Marina Downing and Yash Bedekar

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		<p>and multi trauma orthopaedic injuries</p> <p>An intervention manual for Early Vocational Rehabilitation</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>embedded within multi-disciplinary teams provided early vocational rehabilitation to patients following traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and multi-orthopaedic injuries including limb amputation.</p>	
Tuesday 24th October	12.30 – 1.00 pm	<p>Extracellular vesicles as biomarkers of endometriosis</p>	<p>The current diagnostic delay of 8-10 years is one of the most urgent medical problems in endometriosis. We are investigating the potential of extracellular vesicles (EVs)—small, nanosized vesicles produced by every cell—as biomarkers of the condition. While EVs are abundantly found in body fluids like blood, saliva or peritoneal fluid, their small size of ca. 100 nm makes their analysis challenging.</p>	Dr Thomas Tapmeier
Wednesday 25th October	12.00 – 1.00 pm	<p>Bench to Bedside in Myeloproliferative neoplasms: An update on the Snowdome/Epworth fellowship</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>The recipient of this fellowship will discuss the full spectrum of basic, translational and clinical research that has been undertaken through this fellowship. This includes molecularly based basic science experiments in the wet lab, offering state of the art molecular testing for diagnosing patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms and creating novel therapeutic avenues for patients.</p>	Dr Indu Raman
Wednesday 25th October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	<p>Nursing Symposium 4: Innovative approaches to care delivery in Mental Health and Rehabilitation settings</p> <p>Webinar Recording</p>	<p>Presentations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges to Community Services • De-escalating behaviours of concern in rehabilitation • Cardiac Rehabilitation – innovate to reinvigorate. 	Suzie Hooper, Julia Segal, Sarah Lommi, Jo Kevill, Nanci Thurston and Lauren O’Hehir

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Development and implementation of a reflective practice model for mental health nurses	
Thursday 26th October	12.30 – 1.00 pm	Consumers beyond participants - engaging consumers in research design and governance Webinar Recording	By attending this webinar you will gain a greater understanding of the Epworth Partnering with Consumers Strategy from a research perspective and best practice approaches being implemented.	Claire Henry, Lauren Lawlor, Consumer Advisors involved in research