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Recognition for NHMRC Peer Reviewers

NHMRC thanks all those involved in reviewing grant applications in 2009. NHMRC's system of peer review depends on researchers giving their time and expertise to assist in providing reviews for almost 4000 applications across all of our funding schemes.

NHMRC will soon be acknowledging all external assessors in our funding rounds in 2009 on our website. The list that we will be putting on the website shortly may also be useful in assisting institutions in assessing which of their researchers contribute to the support of the health and medical research system.

New NHMRC Principal Committees Announced

The establishment and membership of NHMRC Principal Committees for 2009-2012 have been announced.

- [Research Committee](#)
 - [Australian Health Ethics Committee](#)
 - [Human Genetics Advisory Committee](#)
 - [Health Care Committee](#)
 - [Prevention and Community Health Committee](#)
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ALERT - Centres of Research Excellence Scheme closing next week

Closing date for receipt of online applications is Friday 25 September 2009.

All applications for Clinical, Public Health, and Health Services Research Centres of Research Excellence are to be submitted **online** through NHMRC's Research Grants Management System (RGMS). Applicants without an RGMS 'login' will need to complete the [RGMS access form](#).

Further information on [RGMS](#) and the [CRE Funding Policy](#) available on the NHMRC website

Guidelines for Prostate Cancer - Public Consultation

The Australian Cancer Network (ACN) has developed the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Locally Advanced and Metastatic Prostate Cancer*.

The draft *Guidelines* are intended for use by practitioners and health workers and are wide-ranging in scope, covering prevention, screening, diagnosis and psychosocial matters as well as the clinical aspects of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Comments on the draft *Guidelines* are invited by **5 October 2009**. The ACN intends to submit these guidelines to NHMRC for approval, following consultation and review.

Further details of the process for public consultation can be viewed at on the [Australian Cancer Network website](#).

Podcast: 10 of the best research projects 2009 – Keep on breathing while you sleep

Seeking insights into the mechanisms behind upper airway collapse during sleep and anaesthesia, Professor Peter Eastwood and his team found posture plays a significant role in reducing the risk of obstructive sleep apnoea.

In this [podcast](#), Professor Eastwood talks about that work and paints a picture of day-to-day life as a biomedical researcher.
