

Tracker – 19 March 2010 edition

NHMRC Career Development Awards – deadline extension

NHMRC wishes to advise RAOs and applicants that the closing date for applications for Career Development Awards (CDAs) has been extended from Wednesday 31 March 2010, Midnight AEST to **Monday 12 April 2010, 5pm AEST**.

This extension has been granted to assist RAOs and researchers in this first year of the new NHMRC Research Grants Management System (RGMS) to complete their internal administrative processes.

Further information can be found on the [NHMRC website](#).

Project Grant applications - Grant Review Panels in 2010

NHMRC wishes to thank all those researchers who have indicated their willingness and availability to participate on the Grant Review Panels for Project Grants in 2010.

NHMRC will be finalising the GRP membership for Project Grant applications in mid April and we will contact researchers about their appointments to a GRP after that time.

Any queries on GRP membership, please email grp.membership@nhmrc.gov.au

CEO Newsletter

Professor Warwick Anderson's next CEO newsletter will be released on **Friday 26 March** on the [NHMRC website](#). The issues will include:

- RGMS update
 - Identifying transformative research ideas – the new NHMRC Marshall and Warren Project Grant Awards
 - Women in health and medical research
 - Measuring up: Bibliometric analysis of Australian Health and Medical Research
 - Emeritus NHMRC Fellowships
 - New Frontiers – growing NHMRC support for fundamental research
 - Ideas for improving leadership in patient care, research and translational education.
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NHMRC Bibliometric Report

An independent bibliometric study conducted by the Australian National University (ANU) has shown that research projects funded by NHMRC have citation rates well above the Australian average.

NHMRC funded research accounts for a significant number of the country's most highly cited journal articles with 2.4 per cent of NHMRC supported research outputs in the top one per cent of the most highly cited biomedical publications.

These studies, previously conducted in 2001, 2003 and 2005, have been used both within NHMRC and externally to illustrate the high quality of the publication output in health and medical research that comes from NHMRC and Australia as a whole.

Copies of the report are available on the [NHMRC website](#).

Third edition of Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence

NHMRC has recently approved *Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence Third Edition (2010)*, developed by the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA).

The aim of the document is, as with the first two editions, to combine a review of the best available evidence for acute pain management with current clinical and expert practice, rather than to formulate specific clinical practice recommendations.

The publication can be viewed on the [ANZCA website](#) or [NHMRC website](#).

Public consultation on draft *Clinical practice guidelines for depression and related disorders in the perinatal period*

Beyondblue: the national depression initiative developed the *Clinical practice guidelines for depression and related disorders (anxiety, bipolar disorder and puerperal psychosis) in the perinatal period* (the draft Guidelines) with an Expert Advisory Group chaired by Professor Marie-Paule Austin.

NHMRC has provided methodological support through the Guideline Assessment Register Consultant. The draft Guidelines contain systematically developed recommendations and summarise published evidence on key areas of perinatal mental health care.

Public Consultation runs until 12 May 2010. The draft is available on the [Beyond Blue website](#).

Podcast: NHMRC Newscast March 2010

Monthly podcast summary of NHMRC's latest events and announcements. In this [newscast](#):

- awards for Australia's best and brightest researchers
 - \$150 million boost to health and medical research
 - and an Australian first – our Clinical Practice Guidelines portal goes live.
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