

MEDIA RELEASE

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NEW RESOURCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LAUNCHED

The National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) has launched two new resources to help clinicians and health executives employ evidence-based practice within health care settings.

Identifying Barriers to Evidence Uptake was developed for use by health professionals and executives who want to increase evidence uptake in specific clinical areas. The guide aims to provide health professionals with basic information about the techniques and tools that can be used to identify barriers to change at a local level.

TAKING ACTION LOCALLY: Eight steps to putting cancer guidelines into practice was developed with the Australian Cancer Network and offers guidance to those responsible for implementing cancer guidelines. It takes what is currently known about ways to implement guidelines, and sets out the key issues for people faced with the challenge of putting evidence-based cancer guidelines into practice.

“Although it’s now widely recognised that ‘best practice’ needs to incorporate the best clinical evidence, the potential challenges of applying evidence can be overwhelming,” said Dr Heather Buchan, NICS’ Chief Executive Officer.

“NICS’ two new guides have been specifically developed to provide support and practical advice on identifying and overcoming the obstacles.

“They will assist health professionals and executives to achieve best practice across all levels of their health care services,” Dr Buchan said.

As Australia’s national agency for closing gaps between best evidence and current clinical practice, NICS is constantly working to provide practical tools and support to help clinicians to bridge these gaps.

Identifying Barriers to Evidence Uptake, ***TAKING ACTION LOCALLY***, and a range of other practical tools for health professionals can be downloaded from NICS’ website: www.nicsl.com.au (see Knowledge Bank).

AT A GLANCE

Identifying Barriers to Evidence Uptake

- Has been developed for use by health professionals and executives who want to increase evidence uptake in specific clinical areas.
- The guide aims to provide health professionals with basic information about the techniques and tools that can be used to identify barriers to change at a local level.
- Offers health professionals ideas and tools to help overcome barriers to change at a local level, in plain English.
- Can be downloaded from NICS' website: www.nicsl.com.au (see Knowledge Bank).

TAKING ACTION LOCALLY:

Eight steps to putting cancer guidelines into practice

- Is intended for senior clinicians and executives with responsibility for implementing cancer guideline recommendations at a local level.
- Is the result of a collaboration between NICS and the Australian Cancer Network (ACN), and is endorsed by The Cancer Council Australia.
- It takes what is currently known about ways to implement guidelines, sets out the key issues for people faced with the challenge of putting evidence-based cancer guidelines into practice, and presents strategies for evidence-based practice change.
- Can be downloaded from NICS' website: www.nicsl.com.au (see Knowledge Bank).

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