



You are invited to attend a NICS Visiting Expert Seminar with

Dr Sharon Straus Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Translation



Lost in Knowledge Translation

Health care systems worldwide are faced with the challenge of improving the quality of care. Providing access to evidence from research is essential but it's not enough. There is another step to take in closing the gap between evidence and action. Now clinicians, managers, researchers and policymakers all want to know more about *how* to improve the translation of research findings into health care.

In this presentation, Dr Straus will discuss her research in the science and practice of 'knowledge translation' - a field that is gaining increasing significance worldwide in closing the knowledge-to-action gap. Dr Straus will outline practical strategies, with examples, to help us make better use of research findings. The presentation will be followed by discussion about how these strategies can be applied in real life, everyday situations to improve care.

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2009

Time: 3.30pm – 4.00pm. Welcome afternoon tea and coffee.

4.00pm – 5.00pm. Presentation followed by Q&A and discussion.

Venue: Charles LaTrobe Theatre and Convention Centre, Ground Floor, Royal Melbourne Hospital. (Melways Ref 2B B7.)

Entrance to the Hospital is on the corner of Grattan St & Flemington Rd. A map of the venue will be emailed to you with your attendance confirmation email.

Parking: Parking is extremely limited at and around Royal Melbourne Hospital. We recommend using other transport.

RSVP: To kylie.bierman@nhmrc.gov.au by Monday 12 October.

There is no fee to attend this event. If you RSVP but then are unable to attend, please can you let us know for catering purposes.



Dr Sharon Straus's visit to Australia is hosted by The Royal Melbourne Hospital, as International Visitor for 2009 during Melbourne Health's 3rd annual 'Evidence Week'.

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Dr Sharon Straus

About Dr Sharon E Straus, FRCPC, MD, MSc

Dr Straus is a geriatrician / general internist / clinical epidemiologist who was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Translation in 2004. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Director of the Knowledge Translation Program at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Her recent contributions include development and evaluation of strategies to bring evidence to the point of care, and the evaluation of other interventions to facilitate knowledge translation and promote quality of care.

Currently, she holds more than \$13 million in peer-reviewed grants as a principal investigator and has created a transdisciplinary research team which includes colleagues from human factors engineering, computer science, health informatics, and clinical epidemiology amongst others. Along with co-authors Jacqueline Tetroe and Ian D Graham, she is the author of a new book: *Knowledge Translation in Health Care*.

Recent Publications include:

- Straus S, Tetroe J, Graham ID, editors. *Knowledge Translation in Health Care: Moving from Evidence to Practice*. Canada: Wiley-Blackwell BMJ Books; 2009.
- Straus SE, Tetroe J, Graham I. Defining knowledge translation. CMAJ. 2009 Aug 4;181(3-4):165-8. Epub 2009 Jul 20.
- Straus S, Haynes RB. Managing evidence-based knowledge: the need for reliable, relevant and readable resources. CMAJ. 2009 Apr 28;180(9):942-5.
- Straus SE, Holroyd-Leduc J. Knowledge-to-action cycle. Evid Based Med. 2008 Aug;13(4):98-100.

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