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New translation report released & SAVE THE DATE: NFMRI's
2020 Awards Night & 2021 Conference

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New NFMRI translation report: "From evidence to practice: Exploring translation pathways for clinical medical science and public health research"

We recently announced the launch of an unprecedented report exploring translation pathways for both clinical medical science and public health research.

The report was developed following cross-sector literature reviews and interviews with multidisciplinary stakeholders. The intention behind the report is to start a conversation on translational pathways that present significant opportunities to benefit the community.

From evidence to practice:
Exploring translation pathways
for clinical medical science and
public health research



Although a clear and widely understood pathway exists for the translation of Australian innovations and discoveries, there is a lack of co-ordinated systematic support to translate non-commercial research findings in Australian research institutions. The key questions of 'who pays, 'who leads' and 'who does the work' are the key challenges for clinical and public health research. Translation requires skills and expertise of many non-scientific fields, and solely funding research is not sufficient in driving translation.

[Click here to download a copy of the report](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 2021 NFMRI Conference



We are pleased to announce that our fifth conference is taking place from the 23rd-25th of November 2021 at [The Anchorage Hotel & Spa](#) in Port Stephens,

New South Wales (approximately 30 minutes from Newcastle).

To make it easier for delegates travelling from interstate and to suit various travel itineraries, the conference will commence later in the afternoon on the 23rd of November 2021 and will conclude mid-afternoon on the 25th of November 2021.

Over the coming months, more information about the program, speakers and registrations will be announced on [our website](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 2020 NFMRI Awards Night

COVID-19 restrictions permitting, we are planning on holding our 2020 Awards Night on the evening of the 2nd December 2020 at McGrathNicol (Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW). On the night, we will announce our new research projects and celebrate the achievements of our existing and past-funded researchers.

We will confirm whether or not the event is taking place in person or by videoconference around the end of October 2020.

NFMRI Updates

Online reporting

NFMRI has recently introduced and implemented a new cloud-based, online progressive reporting system, where researchers have the ability to log-in remotely and update progress periodically as it occurs. We remain committed to reducing the time researchers spend on administration whilst receiving the updates and progress information we require.

This expands upon our existing top-up form and will provide greater flexibility by allowing Chief Investigators to log into their personal dashboard and update progress as and when it occurs, making it easier to submit reports when due. It will also enable us to capture progress as it occurs and beyond the grant period as translation progresses and impact is realised.

Online presentations, webinars and events

NFMRI has recently established a researcher network group for its current and past grant recipients, with meetings taking place via webinar on a quarterly basis. We wish to thank Dr Phil Kearney, Director of External Licensing, at Merck for delivering a masterclass at our first meeting and Prof Mark Kendall and A/Prof Bernard Flynn who presented at our second meeting.

Additionally, a Health & Medical Research Philanthropic Funders' Group has recently been established to help bring together philanthropic grant makers from across the country. The Group seeks to focus on efficient and effective giving for impact in the health and medical research sector. It will enable sharing of knowledge and experience amongst decision makers representing philanthropic supporters of health and medical research. The Group is entirely independent and not led by a particular organisation - it is a shared responsibility. We wish to thank everyone who participated in the first few meetings. Group meetings are held on a quarterly basis via webinar.

As part of our grants program, we normally deliver presentations to educate researchers around translation and to address some of the factors that will increase their chances of success when applying for grants. Due to COVID-19, all presentations have been postponed for the time being and provided that travel restrictions ease, we will seek to deliver presentations in the new year. Those interested should complete the [speaker request form](#) on our website.

Partnering with NFMRI

NFMRI is always happy to consider partnership opportunities with other foundations, trusts, organisations or individuals looking to support innovative medical research in Australia and achieve greater outcomes from their funding. We are able to work within the disease and geographic parameters of our partners to collectively support new programs focussing on translation. This can better enable academic research outcomes, discoveries and innovations to move beyond academia and attract next stage partners including government, industry and venture capital. These partners have the expertise, capability and capacity to take research to the next stage, navigate the complex regulatory

and approval systems and enable access to those in the community who are in need sooner.

The infographic is titled "Partnering for success" with the NFMRI logo. Below the title, it states "NFMRI partners with funders of medical research to create impact". A central image shows a hand holding a pipette over a multi-well plate, with the text "Supporting Medical Research Advancing Innovation Enabling Collaboration". To the right, there are two circular portraits of Professor Janet Davies and A. Prof Bernard Flynn, each with a quote about NFMRI's role. Below these, a section titled "A focus on creating impact" describes NFMRI's partnership approach, its history since 1977, its focus on translating discoveries into innovations, and its collaborative mission. At the bottom, four numbered boxes highlight key areas: 1. GOVERNANCE (Strong governance forms the foundation of what we do, our culture and our partnerships.), 2. STRATEGY (Our strategy focuses on targeted support that addresses gaps to enable translation.), 3. SYSTEMS (NFMRI has built bespoke scalable systems and capability specific to our strategy.), and 4. TRACK RECORD (Proven track record of success with breadth and depth across diseases and innovations.). The infographic includes the website nfmri.org.au at the bottom left and enquiries@nfmri.org.au at the bottom right.

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Partnering for success

NFMRI partners with funders of medical research to create impact

Supporting Medical Research
Advancing Innovation
Enabling Collaboration

A focus on creating impact
NFMRI partners with other funders, applying its strategy, systems, networks and expertise to achieve common goals.

Founded in 1977 and with DGR1 status the National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI) has an established partnering program assisting other funders of medical research achieve better outcomes.

Supporting medical research that is important in the translation of discoveries leading to new innovations including; medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, devices, biologics and tools NFMRI has built specific expertise, capability and capacity that has enabled success.

Through our partnering program NFMRI is collaborating with other funders to achieve our missions.

[Contact us](#) to learn more and enquire about how we can work together.

1 GOVERNANCE
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2 STRATEGY
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3 SYSTEMS
NFMRI has built bespoke scalable systems and capability specific to our strategy.

4 TRACK RECORD
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NFMRI focuses strictly on supporting early stage biomedical innovations (drugs, vaccines, devices, diagnostics, biologicals and tools) advancements to cross the 'valley of death'. Our processes, systems capability and capacity have been purpose built to support a unique strategy and deliver impact by assisting publicly funded research organisations to attract next stage partners along the innovation pathway.

This strategy and support has already prevented a number of research projects from withering-on-the-vine. These projects have attracted next stage partners, secured investment and entered clinical trials across a number of diseases and innovations.

Based upon a framework of good governance, scalable systems and reproducible evidence of success, NFMRI established a targeted partnering program to assist other well-governed funders of research access our capability and capacity. Every dollar put towards our partnerships is distributed to innovative projects that meet the objectives of both NFMRI and the partner.

If your organisation would like to discuss a potential partnership further, please don't hesitate to contact Dr Noel Chambers by emailing enquiries@nfmri.org.au

Recent blog post

- [From evidence to practice: exploring translation pathways for clinical medical science and public health research](#)
 - [Increasing capacity and expanding capabilities using technology](#)
 - [A for-purpose view of supporting research translation towards impact](#)
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