



CPHCE Bi-monthly Newsletter

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Highlights

We are developing a return to work plan for the Centre at Randwick, this will initially be a small number of staff and student with greater needs to be on campus. Gradually we anticipate that the reminding will return over the next few months. HERDU offices were taken over by the RPA Virtual Hospital during the covid-19 response. The team are been working from home and using temporary office space until a new HERDU home has been found.

Some staff have been conducting work on Covid19 with the NSW Ministry of Health. This should be concluding by the end of July. However the Centre continue contribute the effort to manage the health system response to Covid19 especially in the primary health care.

Projects

- Cancer Shared Care project - led by Mark Harris and Jane Taggart continues, they are currently putting together a partnership proposal for submission later in the year which will occur in both NSW and VIC.
- Mental Health - We have concluded a codesign project on primary health care for people with server mental illness. We have also collaborated an expression of interest in translational research grant on shared care for patient in Sydney Local Health District and the development of e-shared care plan for patients with severe mental illness with South East Sydney Local Health District. We are also working with Swinburne and Newcastle Universities on a project on Mental Health Literacy for the NSW Mental Health Commission.
- The Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) has been successful in securing health equity research grants that look at the longer term social dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the disease itself is ravaging the health of individuals and populations, the emerging patterns for effects on populations over time are even more disturbing. Some groups seem more affected by the disease and therefore by health flow-on effects more than others. But the longer term socio-economic effects of the pandemic (economic downturn, reductions in livelihoods, travel, contact, etc) make things even worse.

CHETRE has won, with Canadian colleagues, two Category 1 competitive grants (through CIHR - the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the equivalent of NHMRC). One (with Professor Patrick Fafard of the Global Strategy Lab at York University and the University of Ottawa) looks at the role of Chief Medical Officers (or their equivalents) across states, provinces and territories in Britain, New Zealand, Canada and Australia in taking up scientific advice, framing policies and interventions, and communicating them. This project will also roll out population surveys to take stock of popular perceptions of the CMO roles. The second grant looks at the effects of financial hardship on health and liveability and how we can know better who is affected as well as framing whole-of-government responses to the resulting inequities of COVID19 related economic strain. This project is jointly run in Canada and Australia by Professor Candace Nykiforuk (University of Alberta) and Professor Evelyn de Leeuw (CHETRE, UNSW).

More locally, Dr. Patrick Harris won a competitive grant from the SPHERE Healthy Urban Environments (HUE) Collaboratory that

aims to provide an evidence synthesis on how urban shape and design influence (pandemic COVID19) contagion patterns. He also is part of a team at the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) that looks at the consequences of housing on COVID-19, and of the disease on housing issues.

Publications

- [Women's empowerment is associated with maternal nutrition and low birth weight: evidence from Bangladesh Demographic Health Survey](#)
By Alamgir Kabir, Alamgir Kabir, Md Mahbubur Rashid, Kamal Hossain, Arifuzzaman Khan, Shegufta Shefa Sikder and Heather F. Gidding, BMC
- [Improving outcomes for marginalised rural families through a care navigator program](#)
By Sue Kirby, Karen Edwards, Serena Yu, Kees van Gool, Gawaine Powell-Davies, Ben Harris-Roxas, Ellie Gresham, Mark Harris, Jane Hall, Health Promotion Journal of Australia
- [Healthy Public Policy](#)
By Patrick Harris and Marilyn Wise, Oxford University Press
- [A glossary of theories for understanding power and policy for health equity](#)
By Patrick Harris, Fran Baum, Sharon Friel, Tamara Mackean, Ashley Schram, Bel Townsend, BMJ
- [Associations between rapid weight gain in infancy and weight status among urban Aboriginal children participating in the Gudaga study: nine-year results from a cohort study](#)
By Elizabeth Denney-Wilson, Kaniz Fatema, Emma Elcombe, Suzanne Ingram, Mark Harris, Elizabeth Comino, BMC
- [Traffic-free weekends at Centennial Park have revived the "People's Park" its founder envisioned](#)
By Chris Standen, Walk Sydney
- [Levels and determinants of health literacy and patient activation among multi-morbid COPD people in rural Nepal: Findings from a cross sectional study](#)
By Uday Yadav, Mark Harris, Jane Lloyd, Hassan Hosseinzadeh, Kedar Prasad Baral, Narendra Bhatta, Plos One
- [Socio-demographic characteristics, lifestyle factors, multi-morbid conditions and depressive symptoms among Nepalese older adults](#)
By Uday Yadav, Sabuj Kanti Mistry and Mark Harris, Tarka Bahadur Thapa, Roshan Pokhrel, BMC
- [A computer-guided quality improvement tool for primary health care: cost-effectiveness analysis based on TORPEDO trial data](#)
By Bindu Patel, David P Peiris, Anushka Patel, Stephen Jan, Mark Harris, Tim Usherwood, Kathryn Panaretto, Thomas Lung, MJA
- [Connecting General Practitioners Through a Peer-Facilitated Community of Practice for Chronic Disease Care](#)
By Hyun Song, Mark Harris, Fan-Yin Li, Jennifer Green and Andrew Knight, The Annals of Family Medicine
- [Cessation of Long-term Topical Steroids in Adult Atopic Dermatitis: A prospective cohort study.](#)
By Belinda Sheary, Mark Harris, Dermatitis

Communication & Education

- Scientia PhD candidate Sabuj Kanti Mistry received a student scholarship from AAAPC. His abstract received the highest scores in the student scholarship program.
- Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Master course led by Mark Harris and Catherine Spooner will start on 14 September

Events

- Online Seminar [Greener Cities and Healthier Lives](#) live steamed on Wednesday 20th May 12:00 - 1:00 pm presented by Xiaoqi Feng.
- Online Seminar [COVID-19 and Smoking – Prevention, outcomes and care Seminar](#) live streamed on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 12:00 – 1:00pm presented by Freddy Sitas.
- A date has been set up for the 2020 CPHCE Annual Forum on Wednesday 16 September 2020, this year's forum will be streaming online.

Media Release & Blogs

- News article [Evidence-based report shows "Roadmap to Recovery" from COVID-19](#) published by Business News Australia highlighted the [report](#) released which Ben Harris-Roxas, Beatriz Cardona and Margo Barr submitted their opinions and evidence.

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