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Geriatric Medicine Research Database for Clinicians

Are you a current Early to Mid-Career Researcher with an interest in mentoring a Clinician through a small, good quality research project relevant to geriatric medicine?

One of the objectives of the Sydney Health Partners Geriatric Medicine Clinical Academic Group (Geriatric Medicine CAG) is to bring Clinicians together with researchers to form career-long relationships that will inform relevant translational research and implementation.

The Geriatric Medicine CAG invites all Early to Mid-Career Researchers to collaborate with Clinicians, including Advanced Trainees, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health professionals, who are interested in pursuing small-scale research projects in geriatric medicine. Many Clinicians work in settings with limited research support or have interests that fall outside their site's usual scope. By sharing your expertise and mentorship, you can help bridge this gap and foster meaningful Clinician/Researcher relationships and strengthen the field of geriatric medicine research.

One group that would particularly benefit from the expertise of our CAG researchers are junior doctors in specialist training, or Advanced Trainees, who are required to complete a high-quality research project during their training period. These projects typically span one to two years and are undertaken alongside full-time clinical duties. Advance Trainees frequently face challenges in completing their required research projects. Most Advanced Trainees have limited research experience and capacity beyond their clinical commitments, often working on their projects after hours or in the small windows available between clinical responsibilities.

The Geriatric Medicine CAG is developing a register of existing and potential small-scale projects to present to Advanced Trainees and Clinicians across our local health districts as options to undertake alongside clinical obligations. These projects will be proposed by Early to Mid-Career Researchers who are part of the Geriatric Medicine CAG which align with their specific areas of geriatric medicine research. Clinicians are also encouraged to suggest research pathways of interest to them, so they can be connected with Early to Mid-Career Researchers who have relevant experience.

Our aim is to match Advanced Trainees and other Clinicians with an Early to Mid-Career Researcher whose interests align with theirs, and who can provide mentorship throughout the research project. Advanced Trainees would still be provided supervision by clinical and/or research supervisors from their own sites.

Please contact us at shp-geriatrics-cag.admin@sydney.edu.au if you are interested in this initiative. We would be happy to meet with you or answer any questions you may have and can provide access to the project register so you can enter your details/ideas.

Looking forward to progressing this exciting Geriatric Medicine CAG initiative with you all.

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