

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Purpose

To ensure that all trainees in the New Zealand College of Sexual and Reproductive Health (NZCSRH) Fellowship Training Programme demonstrate competence in research, audit and evidence-based practice.

Scope

This policy applies to all NZCSRH trainees, supervisors and the Educational Advisory Committee (EAC).

Definitions

Scholarly Activity: Research, audit, or other academic work contributing to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) knowledge or practice.

Detail

Research is essential to evidence-based practice. All trainees in the NZCSRH Fellowship Training Programme must complete a research project as a part of their fellowship.

Activities Constituting Research

Approved research activities may consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research project presented at a national or international conference/published in a peer review journal, or an audit with completion of the audit cycle, which leads to demonstrated change in practice in a sexual and reproductive health setting;
- First author of a poster presentation, during training, at a national/international sexual and reproductive health medical conference;
- First author of an oral presentation, during training, at a national/international sexual and reproductive health conference;
- Higher degree: Masters by research (in any discipline);
- Higher degree: PhD (in any discipline);
- First author of a publication, during training, of a sexual and reproductive health research paper in a peer-reviewed medical journal (PubMed). For example, a journal article, Cochrane systematic review, or systematic literature review;
- An audit with completion of the audit cycle which leads to demonstrated change in practice written up and provided to the EAC.



Recognition of Prior Research

The following may be approved as meeting the requirements of approved research activities and contribute to a trainee's minimum research requirements if completed prior to entering the Fellowship Training Programme:

- Higher degree: Masters by research (in any discipline)
- Higher degree: PhD (in any discipline)

Satisfactory Completion of Research

Trainees are required to present a research study that meets satisfactory completion criteria at least 6 calendar months before completion of the NZCSRH Fellowship Training Programme. Satisfactory completion may be indicated by, but not limited to, proof of publication, or acceptance for publication, or completion of activities listed above.

In all cases, the decision of whether or not an activity is judged as meeting the requirements of an approved research activity rests with the EAC. The meeting of any of the criteria listed above may not be sufficient in some cases for a study to be judged satisfactory.

Disputes

Trainees in the Fellowship Training Programme who wish to appeal any decisions regarding their research, audit or other academic work may do so according to the Appeals Policy. Any disputes that fall outside the scope of this policy will be referred to the NZSRHECT Board according to the Complaints Policy.

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