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The BRRACAP Study - Building Reproductive Health Research Capacity and Activity in the Pacific Islands

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Literature review research capacity building

Supportive Collaboration Mentoring RT3

Clinical Research Team

Clinical Research Team (Cooke’s Theory)

Sustainable Goals

Sustainable Research Capacity Goal (defined)

Environmental Enhancers/Legislation/Funding/Research Centres Health Research System (RT4)

Research Workshop Training (RT 1 boosters)

Postgraduate Training (RT2)

RT2

RT4

Time to implement – may take 16 years (Zumla et al, 2010)

Figure 2: Theoretical Framework linking interventions to successful research capacity building for clinicians in low and middle income countries
Elements of clinical research capacity building

- Adequate Health Workforce
- Functioning Health System
- Health research system (HRS) development
  - Components - 8 Ps: power, policy, process, priority, property, practice, people, partners
  - Top down - leaders who enable research
  - Bottom up - clinicians who agitate for research
Who are the successful reproductive health clinician-researchers?

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ABSTRACT:
Health research output from the Pacific Islands is low. Improving clinicians important role in generating and utilizing research evidence to improve patient care has been the aim of research collaborations, governments and funding agencies. Twenty-eight reproductive health clinicians from six Pacific countries participated in a research workshop and were provided mentors to complete identified research projects. Completion of research tasks were assessed 18 months later using a tool co-produced by a panel of research experts. Those with academic and specialist appointments did better than other medical officers and nurses/midwives.

Key words: Pacific Island, clinician research, building research capacity, nurse research, midwife research
Pacific Health Dialog

- First issue 1994
- Scope - all the major health professional groups.... agriculture, economics, and other disciplines involved in the health of the people of the Pacific.
- Last issue 2014
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New Look, Same Message

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Reviewing the archives will reveal the very broad extent of the contributions by many authors over many years. Pacific Island people continue to make a significant contribution to the ongoing development of
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- Assist editorial staff
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OPEN ACCESS MODEL

• Readers have free access
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• Websites can still publish adverts
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- Back end – process
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  - Author approve pdfs
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  - Print issue, users informed by email
  - Automated indexing with CrossRef and PubMed
  - Move Journal to Front end
Multimedia

- Dissemination through social media
  - Facebook, Twitter, ResearchGate, LinkedIn, Mailchimp
- Free referencing software
- Assistance and collaborations
  - DropBox, Mendeley
  - Wifi-based e.g. Zoom
Impact Factor (IF)

- Promote and support researchers and their work
- Increase visibility and citations
- Good for the researcher
- Good for the Journal (IF 0.43, 2010)
- Increase in submissions

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A new article has been published in Rural and Remote Health:

'Speech-language pathology telehealth in rural and remote schools: the experience of school executive and therapy assistants'

Difficulties in accessing allied health services, especially in rural and remote areas appears to be driving the use of telehealth services to children in schools. This study investigated the experiences and views of school executive staff and therapy assistants regarding the feasibility and acceptability of a speech-language pathology telehealth program for children attending schools in rural and remote New South Wales, Australia.


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Speech-language pathology telehealth in rural and remote schools: the experience of school executive and therapy assistants

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Difficulties in accessing allied health services, especially in rural and remote areas, appear to be driving the use of telehealth services to children in schools. The objectives of this study were to investigate the experiences and views of school executive staff and therapy assistants regarding the feasibility and acceptability of a speech-language pathology telehealth program for children attending schools in rural and remote New South Wales, Australia. The program, called Come N See, provided therapy interventions remotely via low-bandwidth videoconferencing, with email follow-up. Over a 12-week period, children were offered therapy blocks of six fortnightly sessions, each lasting a maximum of 30 minutes.

Methods: School executives (n=5) and therapy assistants (n=6) described factors that promoted or threatened the program’s feasibility and acceptability, during semistructured interviews. Thematic content analysis with constant comparison was applied to the transcribed interviews to identify relationships in the data.

Results: Emergent themes related to (a) unmet speech pathology needs, (b) building relationships, (c) telehealth’s advantages, (d) telehealth’s disadvantages, (e) anxiety replaced by joy and confidence in growing skills, and (f) supports.

Conclusions: School executive staff and therapy assistants verified that the delivery of the school-based telehealth service was feasible and acceptable.
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