

The lack of Australian studies about patients' knowledge and perceptions of healthcare-acquired infections provided the impetus for a pilot study in healthcare facilities in Far North Queensland

GRANTS & ETHICS APPLICATIONS

Research needs funding & ethics
Apply early and often for funding
Having an experienced researcher helps both
Keep ethics current

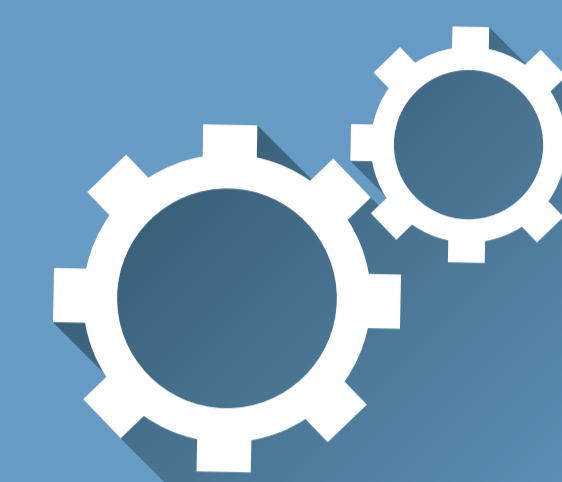
LITERATURE SEARCH

Must be done
Can you get help: librarian/honours student?
Don't reinvent the wheel

BARRIERS/PROBLEMS

Changes in health service management
Attaining ethics approvals and site authorisations across multiple settings
7 sites became 2
Remote site participant recruitment (surgical lists)

SURVEYS



We thank Dr Maurice Madeo, Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals, UK, for permission to use the questionnaire

AN INTERESTING IDEA

Nurse-driven
7 Far north Queensland sites
1 University
4 Health services
1 Professor
2 PhDs
5 Infection control practitioners

TELECONFERENCES



COMMUNICATION

Diverse and distant sites
Need to maintain contact
Use of email/teleconference
Skype
Should consider file sharing apps

PARTICIPANTS

Surgical patients at 2 sites
29 male
22 female

AWARENESS & UNDERSTANDING

42 aware of HCAI risk
36 adequate information
41 adequate understanding
Specific micro understanding poor

EMAILS

PATIENTS ACQUIRE THEIR INFORMATION FROM

Doctors
Hospital
Television
But media not always accurate

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREVENTION

Alcohol-based handrub for staff & patients
Involve patients in their care

PAPER SUBMITTED

Dissemination of results
Journals are great but difficult
Conferences/social media are options
What about your health service?

A RESEARCH JOURNEY

Undertaking a pilot study of patients' perceptions of healthcare-acquired infections

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