



Writing for Publication Workshop

Sunday 24 May 2015, 1.00pm – 3.45pm, Meeting Room 2, Darwin Convention Centre

This workshop is designed for writers interested in publishing papers in a peer reviewed journal. The workshop focuses on strengthening writers' skills to review and re-work their own work to ensure that it meets the standards required for peer review prior to publication.

Please bring two copies of your draft paper or your PowerPoint slides to the workshop.

Program

- 1.00pm Coffee and biscuits, available all afternoon
- 1.10pm *Welcome*
Gordon Gregory – Chief Executive Officer, National Rural Health Alliance and Chair, *AJRH* Journal Advisory Committee
- 1:15pm *The Australian Journal of Rural Health – purpose, aims and values*
David Perkins – Editor in Chief *AJRH*
- 1.30pm *Using evidence to assist change and improvement*
Robyn L Aitken, A/Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Northern Territory Health
- 1.50pm *The readership, sharing your research, and recent publishing trends*
Peter D'Onghia - Journal Publishing Manager Australia and New Zealand, Wiley-Blackwell
- 2.05pm *Learning from three papers – an original research paper a quality improvement report and a short report - David Perkins*
- 2.30pm Parallel sessions
1. Working on your text (for those who are able to bring a draft article to the workshop) - David Perkins
 2. From PowerPoints to published paper (for those with a conference presentation) - Jeffrey Fuller - Deputy Editor *AJRH*
- 3.30pm Key learnings and questions
- 3.45pm Close

About the Workshop

This workshop is designed for writers interested in publishing in a peer reviewed journal and will focus on the *Australian Journal of Rural Health* as a leading peer reviewed journal in this field. The objective is to assist authors to increase the probability of publication and to ease the process of review by identifying specific ways of improving their manuscript.

We recognise that participants will have varying experience of preparing papers for publication. We welcome new and established authors. Some may be part of the Conference academic stream and have prepared a manuscript for the conference; others may have a PowerPoint presentation and intend to draft a paper after the conference.

To enhance the interactive experience at the workshop, participants are asked to bring 2 paper copies of their manuscript or PowerPoint slides and a separate paper copy of an abstract. The abstract prepared for the Conference handbook will be fine. Participants who are not presenting at the Conference should bring 2 print copies of an abstract and a manuscript or PowerPoint slides of their choice.

The workshop will include whole and small group sessions facilitated by David Perkins and Jeff Fuller. Small groups will focus on the needs of early career and more experienced researchers and the workshop will close with an opportunity to share lessons learnt across the groups.

There will be opportunities for individual discussion with the editor after the session and during the conference

All participants will receive a free volume on writing for publication from Wiley.

Presenters

Professor David Perkins



David Perkins is currently Director and Professor of Rural Health Research at the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health (CRRMH), The University of Newcastle. From 2008 to 2013 he was Director and Associate Professor for the Centre for Remote Health Research, Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, University of Sydney. From 2009 to 2013, he was appointed Conjoint Associate Professor, School of Medicine and Public Health, Faculty of Health, University of Newcastle.

Professor Perkins research interests have been primary health care systems in rural and remote settings with a particular interest in mental health services. He has led research focused on providing empirical evidence to inform policy and implementation of mental health service delivery for rural and remote areas. He is a member of the NSW Minister's Advisory Committee on Rural Health and a board member of the International Foundation for Integrated Care. Since 2010 Professor Perkins has been awarded nearly \$6 million in grant income. In this period his publications record includes over 30 peer reviewed papers and a similar number of editorial pieces.

Professor Perkins is editor in chief of the *Australian Journal of Rural Health* and is a senior editor of the *International Journal of Integrated Care*.

Professor Jeffrey Fuller



Jeffrey Fuller is the Associate Dean (Research) at the School of Nursing & Midwifery, Flinders University, Australia. He is a community mental health nurse with a PhD in nursing & sociology. He has worked for 30 years in public, rural and academic health settings. Since 2007 he has been an investigator on 14 grants worth \$A4.3 million focused on health system responses to the needs of underserved populations. He has 140 papers, reports and presentations across rural health planning, mental health, chronic disease management, Aboriginal health & immigrant health. In 2011 he commenced as a chief investigator in the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute Centre of Research Excellence in Primary Health Care Microsystems. This work uses network theory and analysis as a means to understand and activate service integration processes.

Dr Robyn Aitken



Robyn Aitken is a PhD prepared nurse with 30 years of experience including clinical patient care, clinical management, education and research, policy and professional leadership. For the past nine years Robyn has been living and working in the Northern Territory, immersed in the challenges of remote and Indigenous health. Robyn joined the NT Department of Health in 2013 after 18 years as an academic, and has been acting Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer since March 2014. In this role Robyn has the opportunity to provide Ministerial level advice, contribute to local and National strategic health policy and planning, and influence clinical service governance to achieve key health reform targets. Robyn draws heavily upon her academic background to fulfil these aspects of her role and so relies upon research evidence to formulate her advice. She is passionate about translating research into action, achieving change and improving health care based on evidence. In this session she outlines some of the challenges faced when searching for relevant information and how research publications could be strengthened to optimise their influence.

Peter D'Onghia



Peter D'Onghia is a Senior Journal Publishing Manager at Wiley. He has worked at Wiley for around nine years in the Global Research team on Health Science journals and has close working relationships with many Australian Societies, Colleges and Associations. He has worked in publishing for nearly twenty years for various publishing companies in Australia and the Middle East.