



The Consortium for **Social and Policy Research** on **HIV, Hepatitis C** and **Related Diseases**

Workshop 14 Finding and reading published research **Tuesday 16 May 2006** Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop

In this workshop, delegates will:

- ▶ examine different types of research (e.g. quantitative, qualitative)
- ▶ learn some of the common terminology used in research and examine how it is used in published documents
- ▶ study common types of published research and discuss their particular characteristics
- ▶ develop their understanding of research and the confidence to use it in their everyday work
- ▶ learn how and where to find published research on the internet.

Introduction to the workshop

This workshop will serve as an introduction to published research for non-researchers. It will examine different types of social research in the fields of HIV, hepatitis C, illicit drug use and sexually transmissible infections. Delegates will learn the differences between quantitative and qualitative research, where to look in a published research paper for the information they need, and where to find published research that will benefit their work.

Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop is designed for employees of NGOs and area health services in the sector who would like to have a better understanding of how they can use published research in their daily work.

Guest speakers

Jeanne Ellard Jeanne is a Research Officer at the National Centre in HIV Social Research. Her disciplinary background is in anthropology and her research interests have included Australian urban culture, gender, and sexuality. She is particularly interested in the interplay between social and political institutions and people's everyday practices. Ethnography, the culture concept and feminism inform her research. Jeanne currently works on a number of projects including the Seroconversion study and the Treatment Histories project and she coordinates and teaches in the qualitative methods course for postgraduate students.

Limin Mao Limin is a Research Fellow at the National Centre in HIV Social Research where she has worked extensively over the past few years on social and behavioural surveillance, with a specific focus on gay men. She has been trained across several disciplines including medicine, public health, education, and applied epidemiology in social sciences. She is also a very popular guest lecturer for an undergraduate course on human behaviour and social work at the University of New South Wales. She has a passion for numbers and is dedicated to helping others to extract as much information from them as possible.

Maude Frances Maude has worked since 1998 as a librarian in HIV and hepatitis C research at both research and community-based organisations. Her academic background is in education, psychology and social anthropology. As Research Resource Manager at the National Centre in HIV Social Research, her projects include the development of an online database of Australian research, policy and practice resources relating to HIV, hepatitis C and illicit drug use. As an information professional, Maude is interested in developing information access and dissemination facilities that respond to changing research practices, and that foster partnerships between researchers, policy makers and health practitioners. She is committed to principles of open access publishing and supports initiatives to provide public access to publicly funded research.

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Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at www.wdp.nsw.gov.au

Registration

To register, please send an email to Rodney McDonald at rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au. Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone number (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-serve basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile opposite.

Registrations close on 5 May 2006.

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