

The Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity

Medicare Locals and Local Health Districts are two major planks of PHC reform. While establishing new structures are likely to require much effort in the early days, these organisations also have early deliverables that require urgent and fundamental shifts in focus and organisational capability, as shown below.

The CPHCE is a research centre of the University of NSW which has been supporting primary health care development since 1996, with four main streams of work:

- Primary health care system development
- Prevention and management of chronic disease
- Equity
- Research capacity building

We have over 15 years' experience in PHC development, equity and chronic disease prevention and management. We work extensively with Divisions of General Practice, Area Health Services (including community health), peak state and national bodies and non-government organisations.

What can we offer?

- **Leading in Primary and Community Health:** We have adapted our successful 2010 program for Medicare Locals and Local Health Districts to support implementation of PHC reforms and develop their partnerships. Contact: Julie McDonald - j.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au/ 93851547
- **Equity:** We are funded by GP NSW to develop resources and training to help Medicare Locals build equity into the way they work, and by NSW Health to develop a web site for this purpose. We are looking for opportunities to take this work further. Contact: Marilyn Wise/Ben Harris-Roxas - m.wise@unsw.edu.au or b.harris-roxas@unsw.edu.au/ 96120779
- **IM/IT:** We can assist with developing systems for data extraction, data quality and linkage between PHC and hospitals. Contact: Siaw-teng Liaw - siaw@unsw.edu.au/ 96168520
- **Building research capacity:** We can advise on approaches to developing research capacity of practitioners, services and organisations. Contact: Nick Zwar - n.zwar@unsw.edu.au/ 93851547
- **Population based health planning:** We can assist Medicare Locals and Local Health Districts to plan, distribute and deliver services with a strong population and equity focus including our Leading in Primary and Community Health and Equity programs. Contact: Marilyn Wise/Julie McDonald - m.wise@unsw.edu.au/ 96120779; j.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au/ 93851547
- **Evaluation:** We can work with Medicare Locals and Local Health Districts to evaluate their development as organisations supporting comprehensive primary health care as well as meeting their contractual arrangements. Contact: Gawaine Powell Davies/Julie McDonald - g.powell-davies@unsw.edu.au or j.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au/ 93851547
- **Health Impact Assessments:** As a global leader in the conduct of HIA, we can work with service development teams, policy makers, service providers and communities to increase the likely success of their health care and public health programs. Contact: Patrick Harris - p.harris@unsw.edu.au/ 96120779
- **Education and training:** We can provide access to education and training through our Masters programs and short courses and links to other parts of the university Contact: Nick Zwar - n.zwar@unsw.edu.au/ 93852515