

# Abstract Submission Template

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Overcoming obstacles to research collaboration: a research nurse perspective</b>
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Paediatric health professionals and research staff can appear at times to have competing priorities; however, all have a shared commitment and vision to improve the healthcare and outcomes of children. Therefore, effective collaboration is essential to achieve these common goals.

The opening of the new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and the adjoining Centre for Children's Health Research provides an exceptional opportunity to conduct world-class research in various fields of paediatric medicine. This co-location is supported by several positive facilitators. These include the existence of strong collaborative ties prior to the transfer to the new site, recently established inter-professional relationships, and research aims and objectives that are closely aligned to health priorities.

Nevertheless, a year after staff relocated to the new research facility, some barriers to collaboration still exist. Researchers who are not directly employed with the hospital have frequently had to rely on clinicians and clinical staff to be able to recruit and engage participants in their studies. This requires highly effective communication between the research and clinical staff, which can sometimes be challenging in a busy outpatient or emergency setting. In addition, research teams may work in some isolation, and be unaware of additional projects in progress even within the same speciality. This is unfortunate as cognizance of other

studies, and their impact on clinical areas, is essential to ensure that researchers do not overwhelm clinical staff or children and their families in requests for support.

In conclusion, although some strong collaborative ties do currently exist, it is vital to continually review and strengthen the robustness of these relationships. The establishment of regular speciality-specific forums that include partner research groups from UQ, CHQ and QUT and clinical staff may be one way of sharing research experiences and aid ongoing improvement in effective communication and collaboration.

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