



# MS Translation Workshop

## About the workshop

Have you ever thought that researchers produce evidence but are often not involved in putting the evidence into practice? Did you ever feel that it would be useful to have time or skills to use rigorous methods to summarise the latest evidence on a topic, or to measure whether a change in practice actually makes a difference to patients?

This interactive workshop brings researchers and MS Nurses together with the aim of sharing knowledge, in order to understand how to work together when translating new findings into practice or improving current practices. It will focus on the context that MS Nurses work in, the pipeline from research evidence to implementation and evaluation, how to develop MS Nurse questions that can improve practice and practical processes for bringing about evidence-based practice change.

## Workshop presenters

**A/Prof Ingrid van der Mei** is a senior epidemiologist at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research (University of Tasmania). She has more than 18 years of experience in MS research and has published over 100 publications. She is recognised internationally for elucidating the epidemiological relationship between vitamin D, sun exposure and MS. She is the Managing Director of the Australian MS Longitudinal Study (AMSLS) and the Primary Progressive MS Study, and co-investigator on a number of other large research platforms. As Branch President of the Public Health Association Australia, she has been influential in public health advocacy in Tasmania. It is her vision to expand Australia's research capacity by conducting MS research across the pipeline from Discovery, Effectiveness and Translational research.

**Prof Kenneth Walsh** is Professor of Translational Research in Nursing and Midwifery with the School of Health Sciences, University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Health Service. He is a founding member of the Joanna Briggs Institute for Evidence Based Healthcare. He has skills in qualitative research methodologies and translational research approaches and has published over 80 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters and monographs. He has made significant impacts on policy and practice in the areas of team based and organisational practice change; tools and processes for knowledge translation; participatory research methodologies for clinical research; and theory development on the social and psychological elements which influence knowledge translation and policy development and implementation.

## Details

Date: Thursday 31 August

Time: 1-5pm

Venue: Menzies Institute for Medical Research, 17 Liverpool Street, Hobart

Cost: \$50 (afternoon tea provided) – **pay on the day**

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