

Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network

The Australian Health Research Alliance (the 'Alliance') comprises of the nine Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and the Centre for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRH) recognised by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

AHRA have initiated a number of Networks that bring together expertise from across all centres in response to national gaps in implementation / research translation into policy and practice in broad areas that have been deemed by ARHA council to be of strategic importance. One of these areas is Women's Health to which AHRA has responded by creating the AHRA Women's Health Research, Translation and Impact Network (AHRA WHN). The Principles underpinning the AHRA WHN are that members will work together and share learnings that address women's health challenges and priorities faced by our communities, health services, stakeholders and policy makers. AHRA will provide a unique national integrated systems-level platform for leadership, research, translation and impact. It will engage with community and stakeholders to deliver evidence-based, transformative changes that result in tangible patient and public benefit. WAHTN has two representatives on this network; Dr Jacqueline Frayne and Prof Roger Hart.

On Monday 22nd October 2018, the AHRA WHN completed a priority setting exercise and research and translation priority consensus development workshop. This process resulted in (i) a consensus of nine research and translation priorities for women's health in Australia (see table below), (ii) a set of overarching principles, and (iii) detailed outlines of research and translation areas for attention.

Table 1. Women's health research and translation priorities

Rank	Priority
1	Preconception, pregnancy, postpartum and intrapartum health of women and babies
2	Mental health
3	Reproductive health*
4	Chronic disease and preventative health
5	Healthy lifestyle, nutrition, physical activity and the prevention of obesity
6	Violence and abuse
7	Indigenous health
8	Healthy ageing
9	Sexual health*

*The World Health Organization (WHO) definitions for reproductive health and sexual health were endorsed during this process

The full outcomes of the workshop have been submitted for publication. A link to the article will be made available in due course.

For further information on the AHRA WHN please email info@wahtn.org