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Integrated care project identifies nine key domains

A rapid review recently conducted by JBI for NSW Health identified nine key domains to understand clinician experience and satisfaction with the provision of integrated care. These are communication, teamwork, agreement on roles and responsibilities, coordination of care, quality of care, physical proximity, knowledge and understanding of other providers, information transfer, and job satisfaction/satisfaction with integrated care.

Integrated care is the combination of different healthcare services, with the goal to streamline the patient journey through the healthcare system and to provide comprehensive, seamless, effective and efficient services that can address individual patient healthcare needs.

Titled, ‘Providing integrated care: experiences of healthcare providers’, the rapid review was completed in six weeks and provided a synopsis of surveys, tools and instruments used to measure clinician engagement, experiences and satisfaction with the provision of integrated care. The review also highlighted the key domains of clinician experiences arising from qualitative research.

The majority of included studies in the rapid review were in the primary care sector and there was a shortage of identified studies that included integrated care linking with hospital services. While some evidence was identified on the association between the success of an integration initiative and changes in specific domains, and on the relationship between domains of provider satisfaction and new integrated care working arrangements, further evidence to address these key questions is needed.

The NSW Government has committed to the implementation of an integrated model of healthcare for the transformation of the healthcare system across the state (NSW Health, 2014). The findings of the rapid review are intended to aid the evaluation of the provision of integrated care in NSW.

The project team comprised Assoc Prof Ed Aromatais (Chief Investigator), Dr Matthew Stephenson (Project Lead), Dr Jared Campbell, Dr Karolina Lisy and former JBI staff Vincent Chu.

Bumper training program

A bumper Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program was conducted at the JBI Headquarters in Adelaide on 20–24 July – there were 18 enthusiastic participants! Four were from Xi’an Jiaotong University, Shaanxi, China; five from Queensland Health; two from Royal Adelaide Hospital; one from SAHMRI; one from SAHMRI/NACCHO; one from Domiciliary Care; and one each from Deakin University, University of Southern Queensland, University of Newcastle and University of Western Sydney.

The trainers were Director Transfer Science Dr Zachary Munn, Director Synthesis Science Assoc Prof Ed Aromataris and Implementation Science Research Fellow Dr Catalin Tufanaru.
Papers published

A paper co-authored by Director Synthesis Science Assoc Prof Ed Aromataris has been published in the International Journal of Evidence-based Healthcare. It is titled, ‘Summarizing systematic reviews: methodological development, conduct and reporting of an umbrella review approach’.

Additionally, ‘Guidance for conducting systematic scoping reviews’, a paper co-authored by Synthesis Science Research Fellow Dr Micah Peters has been published in the International Journal of Evidence-based Healthcare.

SUMARI update

The JBI IT team is working very hard on the new version of SUMARI and preparing for the demo at the JBI International Methodology Symposium on 2 September, where they will be presenting the protocol builder and home pages of SUMARI to the JBC.

Clinical Fellowship program

Another group of seven enthusiastic participants attending Week 1 of their Clinical Fellowship program at the JBI Headquarters in Adelaide on 6–10 July. Three of them were from Fudan University and the Children’s Hospital of Fudan University, Shanghai; two from ACT Health; one from Toowoomba Hospital, Queensland; and one from Calvary Hospital, Tasmania.

Among the interesting topics were ‘Development of guidelines on best practice for use of raspberry leaf tea in pregnancy’, ‘Assessment and treatment of fever in paediatric patients in triage nursing’ and ‘Radiographer commenting program in a regional hospital’.

The trainers were Implementation Science Research Fellows Alexa McArthur, Dr Jared Campbell, Sandeep Moola and Dr Catalin Tufanaru.

Joining the seven Clinical Fellows were a further 10 participants for the Clinical Leadership Program held on 7 July.

Master of Public Health (Translational Health Science)

The Master of Public Health (Translational Health Science) is now featured on the JBI website (click on the ‘Coursework Masters’ tab at the top). This initiative is part of a wider promotional campaign to increase the exposure of this JBI online program.

Also, two elective course proposals for this program have been approved by Faculty of Health Sciences’ Faculty Course and Program Approval Committee with minor amendments. The courses are:

- Clinical Wisdom in Health Care practice
- Developing Clinical Guidelines.

As well, the two core courses for the Master of Public Health (Translational Health Science) have started for semester 2:

- Synthesising Qualitative Evidence
- Synthesising Economic Evidence.
Oral hygiene audit

In early July Implementation Science Research Fellow Alexa McArthur was involved with presentations at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital regarding the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) JBI Oral Hygiene Audit, which will be carried out over the seven Directorates (Surgical, Medical, Critical Care, Renal, Mental Health, Prison Health and Cancer) over the coming months.

Oral hygiene is one of the ‘Fundamentals of Care’ and was identified by the Executive Leadership team to promote oral hygiene, and the use of JBI resources to facilitate evidence-based practice. Alan Scarborough (CALHN) and Adrienne Lewis (SA Dental Service) were also involved in the presentations.

An updated JBI evidence summary has been developed, and audit criteria piloted by the project working team. Baseline audits using PACES are currently being conducted.

Comprehensive Systematic Review training in pictures

There was much activity in our centres in Portugal and Japan in July. Pictured here are CSRTPs held at the Portugal Centre for Evidence Based Practice (below) as well as at the Japan Centre for Evidence Based Practice (right). Congratulations to all trainers and participants for the great efforts!
G-I-N Australia and New Zealand

Director Transfer Science Dr Zachary Munn was recently nominated to join the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) Australia and New Zealand Regional Communities Steering Group, and he has been accepted.

The Regional Guidelines Group for Australia and New Zealand links organisations, groups and individuals with an interest in guidelines developed to improve health care in Australia and New Zealand. It aims to promote and support local links and initiatives for organisations, groups and individuals with an interest in clinical and public health guidelines.

CREATE posters presented at conference

Dr Carol Davy, Stephen Harfield and Dr Judith Gomersall, Research Fellows from the Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE), attended the Primary Health Care Research Conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 29–31 July.

Two posters were presented: ‘The Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE)’ by Stephen Harfield, and ‘Systematic review to inform prevention and management of chronic disease for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians’ by Dr Gomersall (pictured).

The CREATE team’s review of systematic reviews addressing questions about chronic disease to inform prevention and management of chronic disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians has been accepted for publication in The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health.

The partners of CREATE are the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), and the School of Public Health and Joanna Briggs Institute, University of Adelaide

Check out the CREATE website for more news and to view the above posters.
**Proposed agreement with the Gastroenterology Nursing Journal**

The Gastroenterology Nursing Journal has agreed to become one of the Cochrane Nursing Care Field’s (CNCF) collaborating journals. This publication is the only professional, peer-reviewed journal covering this area of nursing practice. Published through the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, this journal covers the latest developments in research, evidence-based practice techniques, equipment, diagnostics and therapy. It is the official journal of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates and Canadian Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates.

The CNCF is currently negotiating topics and deadlines for this new publication agreement, which is scheduled to commence in Jan 2016.

**The International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare to extend publication agreement for 2016**

The Cochrane Nursing Care Field (CNCF) is pleased to report the International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare (IJEBHC) has agreed to continue publishing our Cochrane review summaries in 2016. The International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare is a fully refereed journal that publishes original scholarly work from the international Joanna Briggs Institute and Collaboration. The aim is to advance the international understanding and development of evidence-based practice in multidisciplinary healthcare, including nursing, midwifery, nutrition and dietetics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, complimentary therapy, medical radiation and podiatry.

**New scoping review chapter**

‘Methodology for JBI Scoping Reviews’, co-written by Synthesis Science Research Fellow Dr Micah Peters, is now online on the JBI website, as a new chapter of the JBI Reviewers Manual.
Limited Special Offer!

Course dates have been set for 2016 and we are pleased to announce a Limited Special Offer: enrol in 2016 courses before 31 October 2015 and secure 2015 pricing!

Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program

Learn about clinical leadership and how to implement evidence in practice to improve patient outcomes.

The Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program is a six-month workplace, evidence-based, implementation program involving two five-day intensive training workshops in the Joanna Briggs Institute, and a workplace evidence implementation project in the intervening months. Program dates for 2015:

March intake
Week 2: 17–21 August

May intake
Week 2: 12–16 October

June intake
Week 2: 16–20 November

July intake
Week 2: 7–11 December

Program dates for 2016

February intake
Week 1: 22–26 February
Week 2: 8–12 August
Enrol by: 8 January 2016

May intake
Week 1: 16–20 May
Week 2: 17–21 October
Enrol by: 1 April 2016

June intake
Week 1: 20–24 June
Week 2: 21–25 November
Enrol by: 6 May 2016

August intake
Week 1: 22–26 August
Week 2: 30 Jan – 3 Feb 2017
Enrol by: 8 July 2016

Clinical Leadership Program

The Clinical Leadership Program is open to all clinical leaders and leaders-to-be in all health care disciplines. Dates for 2016 are now available for this one-day program delivered by Proteus Leadership:

Program dates for 2016

February intake
Program: Tuesday 23 February
Enrol by: 8 January 2016

May intake
Program: Tuesday 17 May
Enrol by: 1 April 2016

June intake
Program: Tuesday 21 June
Enrol by: 6 May 2016

August intake
Program: Tuesday 23 August
Enrol by: 8 July 2016

For information on these two programs and to enrol contact jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au.
Comprehensive Systematic Review Full Training Program (Modules 1, 2 and 3)

Five days

Learn how to conduct reviews using qualitative and quantitative data.

7–11 September

Program dates for 2016:

- 4 April (Enrol by: 19 February 2016)
- 2 May (Enrol by: 18 March 2016)
- 18 July (Enrol by: 3 June 2016)
- 5 September (Enrol by: 22 July 2016)

For information and to enrol contact jbieducation@adelaide.edu.au

CSR Module 1: Introduction to Evidence-Based Healthcare and the Systematic Review of Evidence

One day (Mandatory pre-requisite for Modules 2 and 3)

7 September

Program dates for 2016:

- 7-8 April (Enrol by: 19 February 2016)
- 5-6 May (Enrol by: 18 March 2016)
- 8-9 September (Enrol by: 22 July 2016)

CSR Module 2: The Systematic Review of Quantitative Data from Experimental and Non-experimental Studies

Two days

8–9 September

Program dates for 2016:

- 5-6 April (Enrol by: 19 February 2016)
- 3-4 May (Enrol by: 18 March 2016)
- 19-20 July (Enrol by: 3 June 2016)
- 6-7 September (Enrol by: 22 July 2016)

CSR Module 3: The Systematic Review of Evidence Generated by Qualitative Research, Narrative and Text

Two days

10–11 September

Program dates for 2016:

- 7-8 April (Enrol by: 19 February 2016)
- 5-6 May (Enrol by: 18 March 2016)
- 21-22 July (Enrol by: 3 June 2016)
- 8-9 September (Enrol by: 22 July 2016)

2015 JBI International Methodology Symposium

The 2015 JBI International Methodology Symposium will be held from 3–4 September 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Adelaide.

The symposium will focus on the unique approaches developed by JBI and its Collaboration to evidence synthesis and implementation. Aimed at the evidence-based healthcare enthusiast and methodologist, it is a must for anyone interested in the varied approaches to conducting systematic reviews across the broad spectrum of methodologies, including, but not limited to, effectiveness, diagnosis, mixed-methods and qualitative review.

Registrations have now closed. View the Symposium program.
UCSF Center for Evidence-Based Patient and Family Care

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program for 2015

10–14 August
14–18 September

View the flyer for further information and registration.

Czech Republic (Middle European) Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care

Five day workshop
7–11 September 2015
Cost: 1050 EUR
Venue: Palacký University Olomouc, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Hněvotínská 3, 775 15 Olomouc, Czech Republic

This training program is designed to prepare researchers and clinicians to develop, conduct and report comprehensive systematic reviews of evidence using the Joanna Briggs Institute SUMARI software.

These Modules are titled as follows:

Module 1: Introduction to Evidence Based Health Care and the Systematic Review of Evidence (day 1)

Module 2: The appraisal, extraction and pooling of quantitative data from experimental, non-experimental, diagnostic and prognostic studies (days 2-3)

Module 3: The appraisal, extraction and pooling of qualitative data from qualitative studies, narrative and text from opinion papers (days 4-5)

View the flyer below for further information and registration details:

CSRTP Flyer.pdf
The Czech Republic Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care website

UCSF Centre for Evidence-Based Patient and Family Care

Clinical Fellowship Program

Week 1: 12–16 October 2015
Week 2: 12–18 March 2016

View the flyer for further information and registration.

3rd NUS-NUH International Nursing Conference and 20th Joint Singapore-Malaysia Nursing Conference

Transforming nursing education and practice in meeting the future needs of the community
18–20 November 2015, Singapore
Call for abstracts: 17 July, 2015
See flyer and website for more information.

Scottish Centre for Evidence-based Multi-professional Practice

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training is being offered from 5–9 October 2015

Module 1: Introduction to Evidence-Based Health Care and the Systematic Review of Evidence

Module 1: The Systematic Review of Evidence generated through Quantitative Research
Module 1: The Systematic Review of Evidence generated by Qualitative Research, Narrative and Text

Cost: GBP 500

Venue:
Scottish Centre for Evidence-based Multi-professional Practice
Faculty of Health and Social Care
Robert Gordon University
Garthdee Road, Aberdeen
Scotland, UK
AB10 7QG

For further details please contact Dr Kay Cooper, Deputy Director, on k.cooper@rgu.ac.uk or +44 (0) 1224 262677 or Pamela Kirkpatrick, Director, on p.kirkpatrick@rgu.ac.uk or +44 (0) 1224 263276.
Collaboration Matters

Centre changes

The JBI and JBC welcome two new Evidence Synthesis Groups to the Collaboration:

The Chamberlain College of Nursing Evidence Synthesis Group, affiliated with the UCSF Center for Evidence-Based Patient and Family Care. Chamberlain College of Nursing is a single-purpose multi-state college that educates nurses at the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Tracing its roots to the founding of the Deaconess School of Nursing in 1889, Chamberlain now provides pre-licensure nursing education on 17 campuses in 12 states and post-licensure online nursing education nationwide. JBI welcomes Dr Juli Daniels jdaniels@chamberlain.edu as the Group Convenor.

The UMMC School of Nursing Evidence Based Practice and Research Team, affiliated with The Texas Christian University Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research and who will be led by Group Convenor Assoc Prof Robin Christian rchristian2@umc.edu. The University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing (SON) is located on the campus of the State’s only academic health science center. As the state’s flagship nursing school, the nationally ranked SON offers a full spectrum of nursing programs, including bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs.

The Queen’s Joanna Briggs Collaboration for Patient Safety

Professor Margaret Harrison has stepped down as Director of The Queen’s Joanna Briggs Collaboration for Patient Safety and we thank her for all her contributions and efforts with the centre. JBI welcomes Dr Christina Godfrey as the incoming Director and Kim Sears and Rosemary Wilson will remain as Deputy Directors.

The New South Wales Centre for Evidence Based Health Care

Assoc Prof Deborah Parker has taken on the directorship of The New South Wales Centre for Evidence Based Health Care. Prof Rhonda Griffiths has stepped down from the role but will still remain an active member – we thank her for all her efforts in leading the centre. We also welcome Dr Jann Foster as the new Deputy Director.

53rd Committee of Directors Meeting

31 August – 2 September 2015, Freemasons Great Hall, Adelaide

The final Agenda and supporting papers including briefing notes have now been distributed to all attendees and made available on the JBC intranet for your perusal. It is encouraged that all papers are read prior to the meeting in order to be as prepared as possible. As previously stated, this will be a “working meeting” so come with your ideas because we are really keen to hear them! Any questions or comments regarding the papers can be emailed to jbc@adelaide.edu.au.

As we are only a few short weeks away, it would be appreciated if those who have yet to confirm their attendance can do so as soon as possible. Any changes regarding centre attendance, i.e. Directors bringing their deputies as ‘observers’ should be emailed immediately to jbc@adelaide.edu.au, as we are currently in the process of preparing name tags and finalising seating arrangements.

An invitation has been sent out to attend the JBI Committee of Directors Informal ‘Festa Italiana’ Dinner on Tuesday 1 September at 7.00pm.
Would you kindly please confirm your attendance, if you are bringing a partner and any special dietary requirements as soon as possible. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with Italian food, wine, dancing and friendly competitions!

Please continue to email your supporting travel documentation for reimbursement to jbc@adelaide.edu.au.

Joanna Briggs Institute
International Methodology Symposium

September 3–4 2015, Crowne Plaza Adelaide

The full Program is now available on the [symposium website](#), as well as full details of the symposium, including sessions, speakers, accommodation options, etc.

Please note that Directors do not need to register for the Pre-Symposium Workshop, being held at the Freemasons Hall on the 2 September, as this is part of the 53rd CoD meeting, with the last two sessions – PACES and SUMARI presentations – being open sessions. Anyone not already attending the CoD meeting must register for these sessions as there is limited seating.
August 2015 Research School

On 5, 6 and 7 August, our higher degree students returned to JBI for our second Research School/Symposium for 2015. The three-day event delivered another highly engaging schedule, with guest speakers, staff presentations, and three very well organised and presented student-led debates.

At the start of Day 1, the program commenced with the usual tea, coffee and hot donuts, and introductions by our Acting JBI Executive Director, Assoc Prof Zoe Jordan and Postgraduate Coordinator Assoc Prof Craig Lockwood (pictured, right). Staff and students touched base with each other and enjoy a relaxed catch up before commencement of the formal agenda.

Following introductions and welcome, counsellors from the Adelaide University’s Counselling Service, Catherine Leahy and Jacinta Durrand, presented on getting the most out of the higher degree journey. They spoke about the experience of counselling higher degree students within the university and touched on some of the more common issues encountered by scholars struggling to manage the advanced expectations of a post-graduate program. They discussed matters such as stress, time management, performance issues and getting the most out of supervision, providing our staff and students with some valuable insight and techniques for coping, should they experience similar difficulties. It became apparent from the presentation that most higher degree students do possess the knowledge and capacity they need to meet program expectations, but it is often the difficulty in managing the various aspects of life in addition to study, maintaining momentum, or the difficulty in processing negative feedback, that can end up causing students to suffer misplaced anxiety and allow their academic performance to suffer. The presentation was very well received, setting a positive tone for the rest of the event.

Following this, Assoc Prof Craig Lockwood and Dr Matthew Stephenson spoke on the ‘HCF Falls Project’, providing a quantitative analysis of their research data on this prevalent issue in Australian and international hospitals. After lunch, students conducted the first of the student-led debates on ‘ConQual and GRADE are examples of methodology that have increased the complexity of doing but not the ease of using systematic reviews’. Students presented informed and well planned affirmative and negative arguments based on available evidence. The students in this first team demonstrated compelling points of view for both positions and the outcome was engaging and entertaining.
Day 2 of Research School commenced with another guest presentation by Professor Anna Chur Hansen, Head of School of Psychology, University of Adelaide, who spoke on ‘Culture and its measurement in research’. This was followed by two more staff presentations: Dr Micah Peters on ‘Qualitative Synthesis for Policy formation of International Development funding programs’ and Dr Karolina Lisy on ‘Systematic reviews of factors influencing health and wellbeing for persons with non-communicable chronic diseases’. These presentations demonstrated to students the scope and importance of research work currently being conducted by JBI supervisory staff.

Following the staff presentations, the institute was privileged to host Prof Michael Kidd, Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University, who spoke on: ‘The contribution of case reports to medical practice and translational research’. Prof Kidd provided fascinating insight into the research methodologies applied in the Health Science Faculty at Flinders University, and gave JBI the opportunity to share some ‘cross-campus’ perspectives.

The second of the student-led debates on ‘Systematic reviews are the best “vehicle” for knowledge translation’ followed, which was equally well rehearsed and presented to a very enthusiastic audience.

At the conclusion of the formal agenda on Thursday, our HDR Student Reps arranged for an informal ‘Cheese and Wine’ evening where staff and students had the opportunity to unwind and become better acquainted with those they share their higher degree experience with in a relaxed atmosphere. The Student Reps put on a magnificent spread. A special note of thanks to Melissa Seliba and Stephen Walters for their time and contribution to Research School, and the creation of opportunities for students to engage and network amidst our busy lives.

On Day 3, the final day of Research School, our students presented the last of the student-led debate on ‘The Paleo diet is the best way for society to reverse spiralling rates of chronic non-communicable diseases’ which was possibly the most equally weighted and well-presented of all the debates. Following this, the Institute provided a lunch for our staff and students, which provided a further opportunity for sharing thoughts on life, work and academia over some delicious wraps and gourmet baguettes. Lunch was followed by the final staff led presentation by Assoc Prof Ed Aromataris and Dr Jared Campbell who together presented an interesting and highly pertinent discussion on ‘Umbrella reviews: the systematic review of systematic reviews’.

By the time the third day agenda came to a close, it was obvious from the level of staff and student energy and engagement that this Research School was a resounding success. It is always difficult for our professional students and academic staff to take time out from their busy
schedules to attend these occasions; however this event was proof that Research School is a necessary aspect of program and provides a unique and beneficial opportunity for staff and students to come together, share in scholarly discussion, and further define the Joanna Briggs Institute as a valid and influential force in the development of research and the transfer of evidence in healthcare best practices. For those students that graduate and become part of our JBI academic alumni, we are reminded of how proud we should be about the work we do within this internationally recognised research institution.

JBI hosts Prof Michael Kidd at Research School

On Thursday, 6 August 2015, the Joanna Briggs Institute was delighted to have Prof Michael Kidd, Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University, present at our August Research School.

Prof Kidd is a general practitioner and President of the World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA). He has research and education interests in primary health care and family medicine, e-health, health policy, medical education, safety and quality in primary care, and the primary care management of HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmissible infections.

In the Queen’s Birthday Honours List in 2009 Prof Kidd was made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to medicine and education in the areas of general practice and primary health care and through a range of professional organisations. He has been awarded honorary fellowships of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians, the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia and the College of General Practitioners of Sri Lanka and life membership of the General Practitioners’ Association of Nepal.

In 2007, Prof Kidd received the Australian Medical Association Award for Excellence in Health Care in recognition of his contribution to primary care, medical education and the health care of disadvantaged people in Australia. In 2009, he was made an Honorary Professor of the Faculty of Medicine at The University of Sydney.

Prof Kidd is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Medical Case Reports, the world’s first peer-reviewed medical journal dedicated to case reports from all medical disciplines. He is a member of the editorial boards of several other international journals. He is co-editor of the textbook “Health Informatics: an Overview” and wrote the chapters on “HIV/AIDS and Computers in the Consultation” in the Oxford Textbook of Primary Care Medicine. He is the author with Prof Leanne Rowe of “Save your life and the lives of those you love - your GP’s six step guide to good health”, published by Allen and Unwin in 2007. His latest book, also written with Professor Leanne Rowe, is “First do no harm: how to be a resilient doctor in the 21st century” which was released worldwide by McGraw Hill in September 2009.
Morné completes with high distinction

One of our students, Morné Scheepers (Feb 2013 cohort), has just completed his Masters in Clinical Science, receiving a high distinction for his thesis on topic ‘The effectiveness of surgical versus conservative treatment for symptomatic unilateral spondylolysis of the lumbar spine in athletes’.

Morné started consulting in Clare in August 2014, after moving to the region with his family. He splits his time between consulting in Clare and at the CMC Burra satellite clinic in Burra. Born in South Africa, Morné moved to New Zealand as a teenager and completed his schooling and medical degree in Auckland, New Zealand. He subsequently moved to Adelaide where he has spent the past few years working in metropolitan hospitals before starting a general practice career. Morné has special interests in sports medicine, men’s health and minor procedural work. Away from work, Morné enjoys spending time with his wife and two young girls, and is also a keen sports fan with a special interest in cricket and rugby union.

Principal Supervisor, Dr Judith Gomersall, and Co-Supervisor, Dr Zachary Munn, are extremely happy with their student’s hard work and outstanding completion. Morné will graduate in the September 2015 Ceremony.

It will ultimately make me a better surgeon and clinician

“I graduated from Medical School at the University of Adelaide in 2011 and have worked at the Royal Adelaide Hospital for the past four years. I am currently working as a surgical service-registrar within the Acute Surgical Unit as part of preparation for entrance into surgical training within the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. My current interests lie in urology, specifically men’s health and this is where my Masters of Clinical Science is focused.

Medicine is a life-long learning process and early on in Medical School, we are taught the importance of practising evidence based medicine (EBM). What we individually and collectively need to ensure is that we don’t just understand the importance of EBM, but rather we understand EBM. I was not alone within my profession in acknowledging my skills in critically appraising a scientific paper were scratchy, at best; it becomes very difficult to make sound, safe clinical judgement decisions when one doesn’t have an understanding of the information out there! The Joanna Briggs’s Institute’s Masters of Clinical Science has helped me improve my ability to search, critique and conduct my own research which will ultimately make me a better surgeon and clinician.

My research subject is titled ‘Identifying the predictors of change in severity of untreated Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS) in men: a systematic review’. Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms will affect most men within their lifetime and there are a vast array of treatment options depending on a number of factors such as their aetiology, severity and the man’s age just to name a few. We do know now however that in some men, symptoms will improve, some will get worse and some will stagnate. I wish to find out what the characteristics are of the men whose symptoms improve: has it got to do with modifiable factors such as blood pressure, diabetic control or weight? Could we potentially recommend lifestyle changes to improve symptoms? Can we identify which men are highly likely to progress quickly and thus offer surgical intervention before they get acute urinary retention (a situation when a man is unable to urinate at all)?

Aspiring surgeons are encouraged to participate in research as a part of their training as it gives us
an insight into the academic nature of our profession; the process, the ethical dilemmas, the challenges and hurdles and the reward of answering a question which was previously unknown. Unfortunately, whilst we’re given very good guidance on why to do research, we are often given a long leash on how to conduct it.

The Joanna Briggs Institute has filled this gap for me. I have been very impressed with the level of experience, expertise and enthusiasm that the lecturers have provided to candidates; we’ve progressed from many individuals with varied backgrounds, vocations and research experiences to a group with a shared understanding and appreciation of the task ahead and how we were going to get there. My supervisors have provided me with the assistance I require at all stages; on a number of occasions I have felt out of my comfort zone, but at no stage have I felt that the task was unachievable and I think that is the sign of good guidance.”

Simon Harley (Feb 2015 intake)
Alumni Breakfast

It will soon be time for breakfast!
The Alumni Breakfast will be held on Friday 4 September 2015 at 7:30am, subject to minimum numbers, at the JBI Adelaide Headquarters as a part of the JBI International Methodology Symposium.

To register and advise any special dietary requirements, please email sarah.silver@adelaide.edu.au as soon as possible.

We hope to see many of you there.