



## IAGG Global Research Network on Health & Ageing Questionnaire for selection process

Name of the Centre: **Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC)**  
Key Investigator / Head of Department: **Professor Rhonda Nay**  
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### Description of the Centre:

#### a) Type of investigations:

- Basic Science / Fundamental
- Clinical Research
- Health Services Research
- Epidemiologic/Public Health Research
- Other

#### b) Themes investigated (please specify):

- Dementia
- Frailty
- Sarcopenia
- Other Neurodegenerative Disorders
- Geriatric Disorders
- Cardiovascular Risk Factors
- Metabolism
- Ageing research
- Genetics
- Gerontechnology
- Other

#### c) Number of investigators in ongoing positions:

- Less than 5
- to 10
- More than 10

#### d) Number of investigators funded by specific projects:

- 1 to 3
- 4 to 5
- More than 5

#### e) Does your Centre have a:

- Clinical affiliation
- Academic affiliation

#### f) Does your Centre have a basic sciences program? (Please specify topic)

- Yes
- No

### If your Centre is affiliated to a Geriatric Department, please provide the following information:

#### a) Types of units:

- Acute Ward - **Number of beds: 0**
- Outpatient Ward - **Number of patients/year: 0**
- Community Care Unit - **Number of visits/year: 0**

- Day Hospital - **Number of places/day: 0**
- Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit - **Number of beds: 0**
- Long-Term Care - **Number of beds: 0**
- Special Units (stroke, memory, ortho-geriatric, psycho-geriatric) - **Number of beds: 0**

**b) Number of staff in the Department:**

Geriatric: **0**  
 Gerontology: **0**  
 Other: **0**

**c) Does the Day Hospital have specialist services?**

- Dementia / Memory
- Cardiovascular clinic
- Rehabilitation
- Falls assessment clinic
- Parkinson's disease clinic
- Other

**d) Does your Geriatric Department already cooperate with supervising clinical trials?**

- Yes
- No

**Management of the Centre:**

**a) Is your Centre an existing national or government recognized medical research Centre?**

- Yes
- No

**b) Does the Centre receive funded grants? (Please specify source)**

Yes **National Competitive Grants, State and Commonwealth Government Grants, Grants from philanthropic trusts**

No

**c) Does the Centre collaborate with trials funded by pharmaceutical companies?**

- Yes
- No

**d) Will the Centre shortly begin investigation projects?**

- Yes
- No

**Indicate the three main publications over the last 2 years:**

**1/ Name of Journal: International Psychogeriatrics**

Title of article: **Development and initial testing of the Person-centered Care Assessment Tool**

**2/ Name of Journal: Journal of Advanced Nursing**

Title of article: **Pain assessment in older people: literature review**

**3/ Name of Journal: Sex and Disability**

Title of article: **Catering to love, sex and intimacy: What information is provided to consumers?**

**Please add short biographies (maximum 1 page) of the Key Investigators and Head of Department**

**Professor Rhonda Nay (PhD, MLitt, BA, RN) is Director of the Institute for Social Participation (ISP); Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC); Australian Institute for Primary Care & Ageing (AIPCA) and Professor of Interdisciplinary Aged Care at La Trobe University in Victoria. Rhonda is also Director of TIME for dementia ? the Victorian and Tasmanian Dementia Training Study Centre and a partner in the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre 3 (Consumers, Carers and Social Research. Rhonda is a Director on the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) Board. She has published widely**

and has presented over 150 conference papers nationally and internationally. Her research is focused on getting evidence based, interdisciplinary, person-centred care into practice for older people, especially those people living with dementia. Her research specifically focuses on: staff-family relationships; sexual expression and sexuality; person-centred care; and pain assessment and management. Rhonda has led and/or been a senior consultant on numerous research projects both at a State and National level. Dr Deirdre Fetherstonhaugh (PhD, MA, BA, Renal Cert, Dip Appl Sci (Nursing) RN) is the Deputy Director and a senior researcher at ACEBAC at La Trobe University in Victoria. Her research focuses on: the translation and implementation of research evidence into practice; the ethical implications of clinical practice and research; and the conceptualisation and operationalisation of person-centred care. Her PhD research involved a longitudinal study exploring informed consent and decision-making in a cohort of older people with end-stage kidney disease. Deirdre has disseminated her work widely by publishing and presenting regularly at national and international conferences. She is a member of the National Steering Group for Caring for Australasians with Renal Impairment (CARI) and sits on three human research ethics committees. Dr Michael Bauer (PhD, M Gerontology, BA, Dip Ed, RN, ND) is a senior researcher at ACEBAC at La Trobe University in Victoria. His work is aimed at improving the care of older people by advancing service delivery through research. Dr Bauer is a leading expert on staff-family relationships and sexuality in long term care facilities, an area which is still to be acknowledged as a legitimate issue of concern by many aged care service providers and one which is still on the margins of the policy and training landscape. He has published widely and been invited to speak nationally and internationally. Dr Bauer's other research interests are focused on the use of complementary and multi-sensory environments in residential aged care. Dr Bauer receives frequent requests from community organisations, industry and members of the public, for information and advice on these topics. Ms Linda McAuliffe (MPsych, BSc (Hons), MAPS) is a research officer at ACEBAC at La Trobe University in Victoria. She is also a registered psychologist. Linda's research interests include pain assessment in older adults with dementia; sexuality in the residential aged care setting; person-centred care in residential aged care; and the effect of spousal dementia caregiving on psychological and physical health outcomes. Linda has published widely and presented her research at conferences nationally and internationally. Dr Margaret Winbolt (PhD, GradDipAdvNurs (Gerontic Nursing) RN MRCNA) is a research fellow at ACEBAC at La Trobe University in Victoria. Margaret is also Deputy Director and Centre Manager for the TIME for dementia: The Victoria and Tasmania Dementia Training Study Centre. Margaret is a registered nurse with extensive experience in the care of people with dementia. Margaret's research interests grew out of this clinical background and include: the care of people with dementia; particularly those who exhibit behavioural and psychological symptoms; the translation of research evidence into nursing practice in the care of older people; and the creation of person-centred and evidence-based residential care environments. The latter of which was the focus of her PhD study. Margaret delivers presentations at national and international conferences and has developed and delivered many lectures, seminars and workshops related to her areas of interest.