



STARS Education and Research Alliance

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STARS Clinical Research Collaboration Criteria

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These criteria will be used to make decisions about, and prioritise, the research portfolio in the Surgical, Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS) within Metro North Health.

Strategic Fit

Priority will be given to:

- Clinical research studies that fit with the Surgical, Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS) Research Strategy and, where relevant, the Research Strategies within partnering Faculties, Centres and teams at the University of Queensland (UQ) and/or the wider Metro North Hospital and Health Service
- Clinical research studies that teams are already committed to, given the move of patients, services and/or staff to STARS from other hospitals/services
- Studies led by staff in STARS (STARS and/or UQ staff)
- Studies that build research capacity in clinicians and teams in STARS
- Studies that provide opportunity for inclusion of those that identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Studies that involve meaningful research collaboration with one or more STARS staff members that will result in the STARS affiliation being included in the outputs from the research
- Studies which provide opportunity for appropriate industry partnerships
- Additional for student research: Studies that form all or part of the research activities by a UQ student (eg. higher degree student, honours research student)

Scope & Quality

Priority will be given to:

- Studies of high quality (evidenced through for example, peer review processes, research funding committees, STARS Clinical Research Think-Tank discussion and recommendations)
- Studies that focus on research that is well matched to STARS given the patients, services, staff and/or facilities/equipment in STARS
- Studies that are likely to produce results that are of relevance for patient care, services or systems in STARS
- Studies that have the potential to lead to larger future studies with the ability to attract research funding
- Studies with evidence of, or plans for, appropriate clinician involvement
- Studies with evidence of, or plans for, appropriate consumer involvement

Sponsorship & Risk

Priority will be given to:

- Studies with clear and appropriate research sponsorship arrangement in place
- Studies in which the key risks and clear mitigation plans have been identified

Expertise

Priority will be given to:

- Studies with appropriate expertise and experience in the team to lead, deliver and disseminate

Capacity & Resource

Priority will be given to:

- Studies for which there is sufficient capacity and resources within STARS to deliver the research
- Studies for which there is sufficient funding and/or in-kind support available for the research
- Studies where, if adopted in STARS, will not prevent our ability to deliver on other high-quality priority research
- studies in similar areas, in the long-term