
Evidence based guidance working group

Expression of interest

BACKGROUND

Safer Care Victoria (SCV) addresses unwarranted clinical variation through developing, sharing and supporting evidence based best practice throughout the Victoria's healthcare sector. This is part of our remit through the [Targeting Zero, the review of hospital safety and quality assurance in Victoria](#) report.

A core focus of our 11 clinical networks is to support the delivery of consistent, high quality care through developing and sharing evidence based guidance. Although our delivery and how successful we are varies, and it is difficult to measure how evidence based guidance is used, and how effective it is.

To help improve our suite of evidence based guidance SCV is developing a strategy that will outline how we provide, implement and evaluate this guidance.

WHY APPLY?

As a member of this working group you will:

- have a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of an evidence based guidance strategy for SCV
- provide clinical or consumer leadership and advice to SCV on matters impacting the development and implementation of the strategy
- help shape how SCV engages with clinicians and identifies topics that require evidence based guidance
- develop strategies that will help translate evidence based guidance into practice, and our ability to measure improvement in patient outcomes and unwarranted variation.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We're seeking clinicians from both metropolitan and regional/rural areas, and the public and private sector, with an interest and/or relevant expertise and experience.

Relevant expertise includes clinicians from medicine, nursing or allied health, and clinical governance domains with experience in developing, implementing or evaluating evidence based guidance.

We are also seeking consumers with an interest and/or relevant experience in evidence based guidance or patient information to join the working group.

TIME COMMITMENT

This working group will run from October 2018 through to June 2019. Members will be expected to attend the working group meetings for up to 2 hours each, for the duration of this initiative.

Scheduled meetings include:

- Wednesday 17 October 2018, 2–4pm – 50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne (teleconference/videoconference available)
- Tuesday 4 December 2018, 2–4pm – 50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne (teleconference/videoconference available)
- Tuesday 19 February 2019, 2–4pm – 50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne (teleconference/videoconference available)
- Wednesday 10 April 2018. 2–4pm – 50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne (teleconference/videoconference available).

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- the application process will be advertised and promoted online
- applications will be reviewed by a selection committee from Safer Care Victoria
- applications close **Monday 17 September, 2018** and will be reviewed by Wednesday 26 September, 2018.

HOW TO APPLY

Email sherryn.bowker@safercare.vic.gov.au and include the following:

- 'SCV evidence based guidance working group ' in the subject line
- one paragraph outlining why you are interested in being involved in the working group
- any relevant experience or skills you will bring to the working group
- a completed confidentiality agreement.

MORE INFORMATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is Safer Care Victoria (SCV)?

Safer Care Victoria (SCV) is the state's healthcare quality and safety improvement agency. SCV works with consumers, families and carers, clinicians and health services to monitor and improve the quality and safety of care delivered across our health system.

Relevant publications

- [SCV Strategic plan 2017-2020](#)
- [SCV Corporate plan 2017-2018](#)
- [SCV framework for Clinical Networks](#)
- [Clinicians as partners: A framework for clinician engagement](#)

What is Safer Care Victoria's relationship with the Department of Health and Human Services?

SCV is an Administrative Office of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Under section 14(1) of the Public Administration Act 2004, an Administrative Office head is responsible to the Secretary in relation for the general conduct and effective management of the functions and activities of the Administrative Office.

At a functional level, SCV provides advice to the department on clinical quality and the safety implications of policy, planning and funding decisions.

The Clinicians as Partners branch is responsible for support, engagement and coordination with clinicians to enable effective collaboration and leadership on safety and quality improvement. Via the Clinical Networks, this branch drives reductions in unwarranted variation, establishes clinical practice guidelines and leads specific improvement programs and projects.

What are the Clinical Networks?

Our 11 clinical networks link SCV with clinicians in health and community services, drawing on their expertise to drive improvements. They play an important role in supporting high quality healthcare, which is person-centered, safe and effective



The clinical networks are tasked with:

- identifying and implementing care that is supported by the best available research
- improving the quality and safety of care delivered to patients
- monitoring the performance of health services over time
- providing advice to SCV and the Department of Health and Human Services.