

Research Focus 2020

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Government
of South Australia

SA Health

SA Health's mission



to deliver high quality health care to
all South Australians >
best care, first time, every time

South Australia has an ageing population, predominantly located in urban areas, with a median age of 39.9 years. Injury, domestic violence, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, asthma, renal disease, arthritis and musculoskeletal disease account for over 60% of South Australian's burden of disease.

Research is an essential component of SA Health's mission, as it provides the evidence to inform improvements in clinical care, service delivery and health system policy and decision making. High quality health and medical research delivers real benefits to our consumers and wider population.

An active research culture across our health system is vital to supporting innovation, attracting high quality clinical and medical staff, and delivering strong population health, social and economic benefits for South Australia.

Research activity in SA Health is dynamic, diverse and far reaching, and there is a significant amount of research that happens across the South Australian public health system. SA Health provides support for research through salaries, infrastructure and governance.



We aim to support high quality health and medical research that will deliver strong population health, social and economic benefits for South Australia

* Estimated, based on approved research governance applications, SA Health.

Our goals



To provide a coordinated, systems-wide approach to health and medical research, by streamlining research approval processes, promoting and enhancing health and medical research opportunities, positioning South Australia as the State of choice for national and international research partners and effectively coordinating research effort to provide maximum benefit to SA Health and South Australians. To do this we will:

> Streamline and standardise research ethics and governance forms and processes across SA Health to support faster approvals

> Build research capacity across SA Health, including supporting early career researchers and clinician researchers

> Support staff to more effectively utilise evidence from a range of research to support decision making, policy and practice

> Ensure research conducted across SA Health is in line with the SA Health and the Premier's strategic priorities

> Provide guidance on standards, practices and resourcing for research and promote equity across sites

> Ensure timely access to SA Health data in line with appropriate privacy and consent guidelines

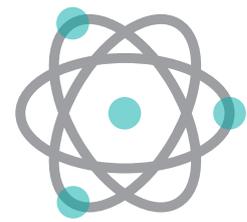
> Exploit the competitive potential of SA as a centre for health and medical research

> Support the translation of research into improved health care, service delivery and policy development

> Build on existing partnerships with research organisations and develop new ones locally and internationally

> Develop systems for effective knowledge management and reporting on research activity

Key initiative



the SA Academic Health Science and Translation Centre

The NHMRC accredited SA Academic Health Science and Translation Centre is a whole of state collaborative network comprising the state's academic, research and health care delivery agencies. SA Health is one of the key partners supporting the Centre. The Centre has a strong focus on research, clinical services, education and training. The core research priorities of the Centre for 2016/17 are: Aboriginal Health; Colorectal Cancer; Cardiac Rehabilitation; Mental Health; the First 1000 Days of Life; Stroke; and Diabetes. The vision is to continuously enhance the rate of translation of research into health care in order to create a self-improving and high-quality health system, which is also sustainable.

We will report on:

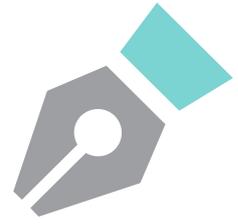


- > Number of health and medical projects undertaken across SA Health by specialty/discipline
- > High-impact publications derived from research undertaken across SA Health.
- > Approval timeframes for SA public health sector research ethics and governance applications
- > Research funding won by SA Health researchers and distribution of funding
- > Clinical trial activity across SA Health hospitals, including numbers of new clinical trials commenced
- > Clinical trial participation rates across SA Health
- > Significant outcomes of research, including successful translation of research into clinical service delivery, health policy and health systems management as well as commercialisation of intellectual property by SA Health researchers

It is estimated that every dollar invested in health and medical research and development in Australia returns \$2.17 in health benefits**

** Access Economics, 2008, Exceptional Returns: The Value of Investing in Health R&D in Australia.

Summary



SA Health commits to the implementation of these strategic priorities in partnership with stakeholders in South Australia and nationally. We will be accountable for supporting high quality research that improves the lives of patients in South Australia and beyond. We will report back on progress annually.

Sign off by Chief Executive

Sign off by CMO & CPHO

Sign off by SA Pathology

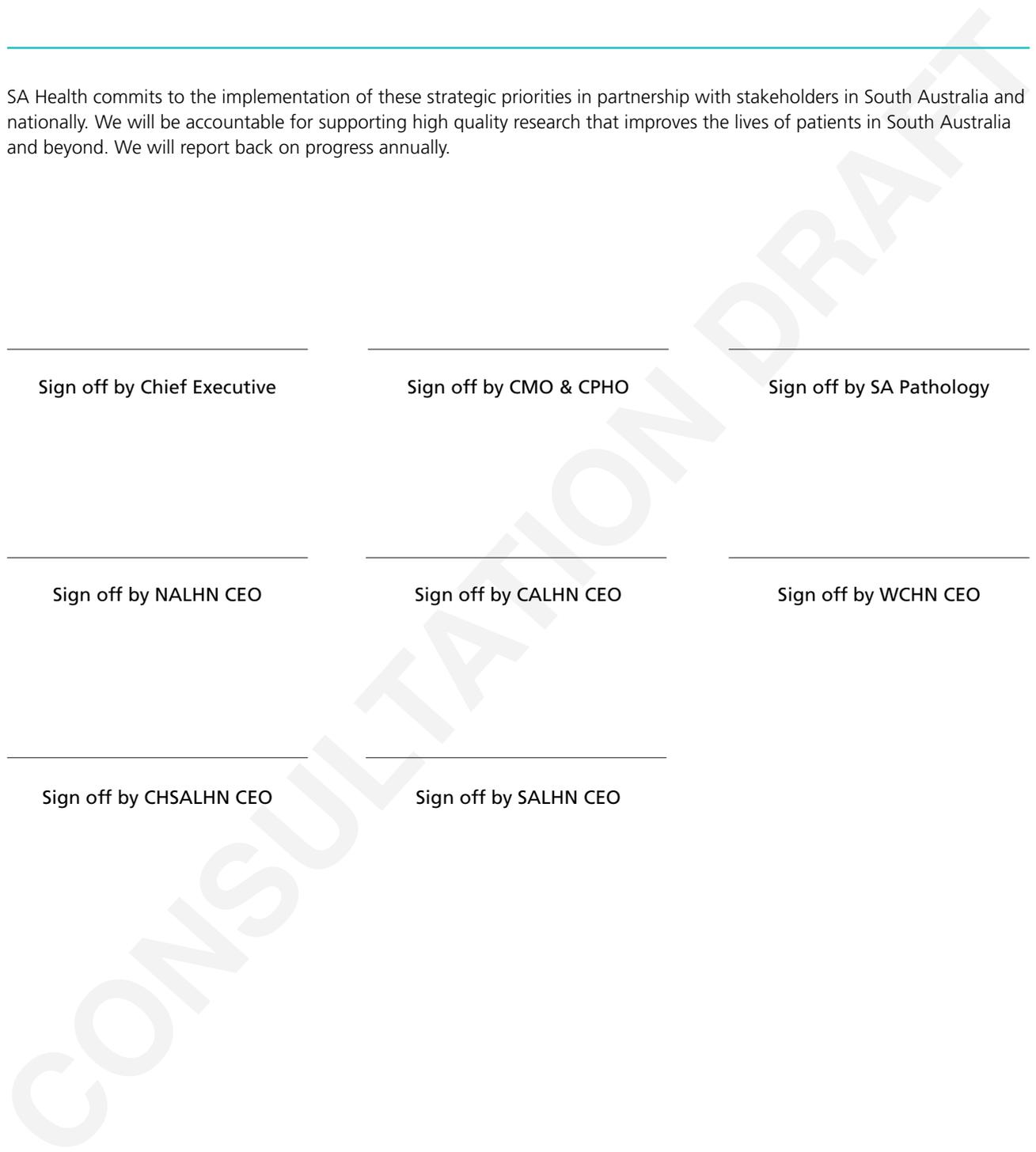
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