



NSW DRUG AND ALCOHOL CLINICAL
RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

STRATEGIC PLAN

2019-2021

What is DACRIN?

The NSW Drug and Alcohol Clinical Research and Improvement Network (DACRIN) is a collaborative network of alcohol and other drug (AOD) services engaged in clinical research. DACRIN was formed to enhance research capacity and productivity across the AOD sector; collaboration between AOD services; clinician and consumer engagement in research; and access to research support and resources.

Our Vision

Expanded and enhanced evidence-informed practice that improves the safety, efficiency, clinical outcomes and client experiences of AOD services

Our Mission

To facilitate the conduct of quality AOD clinical research and improvement activities by enhancing collaboration between clinicians, consumers and researchers.

Our Values

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| Collaboration | Excellence in AOD clinical research requires effective collaboration between clinicians, consumers and researchers |
| Openness | We make transparent decisions and are accountable for our resources, actions and outcomes |
| Respect | We respect all our stakeholders and value a diversity of perspectives and approaches |
| Empowerment | We work to empower all AOD services to contribute to the evidence base that promotes the optimal health care to which all consumers are entitled |
| Quality | Best practice AOD clinical service delivery can only be based on robust research evidence and continuing quality improvement |

Strategic Priority 1:

Establish, support and grow the network



Objectives

To provide sustainable leadership in clinical research activities in the AOD sector in NSW, in collaboration with clinicians, consumers, professional groups and academic researchers and institutions.

To promote and facilitate collaboration in interdisciplinary multisite clinical research and quality improvement activities across AOD services in NSW.



Activities

- Increase network membership
- Convene Advisory Group
- Implement systems and processes to enable assessment and scale up of research proposals
- Facilitate interdisciplinary contributions to AOD clinical research and quality improvement



Milestones

- Effective and efficient network operations
- Number of NSW multisite clinical research studies increased
- Research recruitment/accrual rates improved
- Breadth of clinical research and quality improvement questions and methodologies expanded

Strategic Priority 2: Develop clinical research infrastructure



Objectives

To streamline AOD clinical research governance, including shared policies and procedures across participating services

To develop common research metrics and databases, enabling pooling of AOD clinical data and facilitating meta-analyses, with particular regard to the mounting importance of clinical informatics and data linkage methodologies



Activities

- Develop shared governance and operations framework for multisite research
- Establish shared peer review and stakeholder consultation mechanisms
- Formulate standardised approaches to clinical research data and data management
- Enhance shared understanding of access to and use of clinical data for research purposes



Milestones

- Effective and efficient shared governance and operational systems and processes
- Capacity for independent peer review and stakeholder consultation
- Standardised case report forms and comparable data collection across future DACRIN studies
- Clinical data ownership and access issues documented and disseminated

Strategic Priority 3:

Build clinical research and translation capacity



Objectives

To increase clinician, consumer and researcher engagement in AOD clinical research and quality improvement activities, including by facilitating workforce development and other capacity building opportunities

To implement strategies that enable clinician and consumer input into the development of research questions and protocols, and enhance the translation of findings into AOD clinical practice



Activities

- Support capacity-building partnerships between clinicians and researchers
- Facilitate clinician and consumer input into research questions and protocols
- Implement feedback process to provide research results to participating clinical services and clients
- Support member organisations to identify and address barriers to translation of research results



Milestones

- Number of clinicians, consumers and researchers contributing to clinical research increased
- Clinicians and consumers enabled to pose, review and refine research questions and protocols
- Clients enabled to consider the personal implications of clinical research
- Clinical research results implemented in a range of AOD services and settings