# EASTERN HEALTH

Together we care, learn, discover and innovate

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Eastern Health has a proud history in research and innovation. We have always fostered a culture where ethical research is embedded in everyday practice. We know that research is a vital component of providing world-class healthcare, and we are excited about what the future holds for us in this space.

Research has been recognised as an organisational priority in the *Eastern Health Strategic Plan 2017-2022*, which was approved in August 2017.

In this plan, one of the four strategic initiatives is *"leading in research and innovation"*. In response to our mission, *"together we care, learn, discover and innovate"*, we are in the final stages of development of the Eastern Health Research Plan 2018-2022 to guide the current and future direction of research at Eastern Health.

This is part of our aspiration to become an organisation that is renowned for research, strives for performance excellence and translates research evidence into enhanced care.

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Adjunct Professor David Plunkett Chief Executive



**Dr Jeffrey Kirwan** Executive Director, Research and Chief Medical Officer (Acting)



**Professor David Taylor** Director of Research and University Relations

#### GLOBAL RANKINGS



Times Higher Education has ranked Box Hill Hospital (Eastern Health)

# the top hospital in Australia and 36<sup>th</sup> research organisation overall in the world

Times Higher Education (THE) is the UK's most authoritative source of information about higher education. THE ranked hospitals and medical institutes (non-universities) based on a weighting of the impact of their publications between 2013 and 2017. The result means the impact of Eastern Health's research based on weighted citations is ranked highly globally and the highest ranked Australian hospital.



## A BIG YEAR FOR **RESEARCH:** 2018 IN REVIEW



Research conducted across all disciplines



More than 600 trials currently active

**230 new research applications** approved in last 12 months



140

140 clinical trials

taking place in our hospitals and health services in 2018



#### **/5** Eastern Health Foundation Research Grants

awarded across medicine, surgery, aged care, pharmacy, nursing, midwifery and mental health since 2012



\$500,000

awarded to Eastern Health Foundation Research and Innovation Grants

in 2018



philanthropic funders

contributing to research in 2018

#### A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH



We would like to acknowledge the tireless and diligent efforts of the Eastern Health Human Research Ethics Committee, the Office of Research and Ethics, as well as the many staff who have dedicated their time and expertise to research in 2018.

In celebrating research outputs, we also gratefully acknowledge the contribution of granting bodies such as the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council, trusts and philanthropic agencies, as well as the many donations to the Eastern Health Foundation.

We are also grateful to all our university partners, which include Monash University, Deakin University and La Trobe University for their outstanding contribution to research and education at Eastern Health.

We also acknowledge the numerous participants in research and thank them for their contribution.

### LOOKING FORWARD: WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Eastern Health is excited to be entering a new era of research within our organisation. As we look to position ourselves nationally and internationally, we will be reviewing the way we communicate with our stakeholders and the community.

We want to ensure all our stakeholders have timely access to accurate, relevant and interesting information. We also want to ensure that we can showcase more of the great research work happening across the organisation.

We want to hear from **you** about the information you need from us and how you would like to receive this information. We also welcome submissions with abstracts, stories and photos that can be considered for our new platform.

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Please email your suggestions to ethics@easternhealth.org.au, or give us a call on (03) 9985 3398 to discuss your ideas.