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PHD Completion Seminar

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The determinants of evidence use by Australian clinical networks as health system stewards

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**Thursday 23 February, 12pm - 1pm
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Australian clinical networks are multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral groupings that aim to support safety and quality.

Yet beyond high-level assertions, researchers have continued to wrestle with articulating network goals, functions, and outputs, including how 'evidence' and 'evidence use' is understood.

This completion seminar examines these questions following national qualitative study and Victorian case study analysis using Q methodology.

This research finds that clinical networks balance competing interests to execute safety and quality, engagement, and evidence adoption functions. To realise this, networks rely upon positivist, pragmatic, and strategic framing of problems and problem-solving approaches.

Clinical networks operate in accordance with understandings of evidence-based management. This research argues the importance of contextual and institutional influence within health systems that maximise both agent-based and stewardship models of coordination and governance of safety and quality.

This research supports integrated theory building to advance the study of the determinants of evidence use in health system decision-making.



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Jade Hart, MHSM & BSc (HIM) is passionate about health improvement and system strengthening, with particular interest in strategy, models of care, and user centred service design. Her research interests include evidence use, decision-making, and health system stewardship.

Jade holds diverse cross-sector experience, having served in senior executive roles with the Victorian Government and as a management consultant with KPMG. She has designed and launched several health collaboratives while working with the Victorian and Tasmanian Primary Health Network Alliance, the Global and Community Health arm of the Indiana University School of Public Health, and the Western Australian Department of Health.

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