

Diabetes Debridement Study Newsletter

St George
Hospital
Now
Recruiting
Patients



From the Chief Investigators

We are just above 50% of recruitment & everyone is working hard to see this project reach its potential. One of the NSW Translational Research Scheme goals is to **build research capacity in NSW Health**. We believe all our clinicians involved in the project have grown in this regard. We cannot stress the importance of having a designated Research Study Co-ordinator in our success to date. We have asked our Co-ordinator, Jessica White, to share her experiences, which is described below. **Vanessa Nube & Stephen Twigg**

From the Research Project Co-ordinator

"The most important thing I learnt from my post-graduate studies in Wound Healing and Tissue repair (Cardiff, Wales) was ensuring research you invest in has clinical relevance that can improve patient outcomes, service delivery or population health and well-being. The Diabetes Debridement Study is exactly that. By studying the patients within established High Risk Foot Services with clinician researchers we help ensure translation of outcomes directly to the clinical management of patients with foot ulcers in NSW.

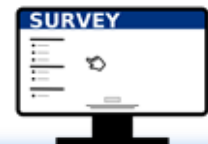
I am now coordinating five NSW study sites and am based at the RPAH site. I love the role. It has its challenges, especially in achieving a high quality RCT, within a busy clinic to produce evidence that is of relevance and generalisable. In this regard, I work with the Investigators to navigate issues that arise to ensure we can have confidence that the intervention is being rigorously tested yet still apply the degree of pragmatism that makes it POSSIBLE to conduct the study in our clinics. I am excited that the Study is providing all involved high risk foot services with experience in a clinical trial and how it is increasing the research capacity of the involved clinical teams. Embedding research more routinely into all of our diabetes High-Risk Clinics after the debridement study completion is an exciting prospect". **Jessica White**

State-wide Prospective Audit We are seeking sites now!

The State-wide audit is a unique opportunity which will provide NSW a robust dataset on ulcer severity and healing as well as debridement practice by NSW Podiatrists and clinicians.

Benefits:

- All ethics is managed by the research coordinator.
- Results provide services a valuable benchmark and indicators for each service regarding clinical outcomes.
- Clinicians will gain experience in the use of a recommended minimum dataset.



The Diabetes Debridement Survey is Live!

Please share your experience about debriding foot ulcers.
Look out for your emailed invitation to participate ONLINE or ask us to send this to you.