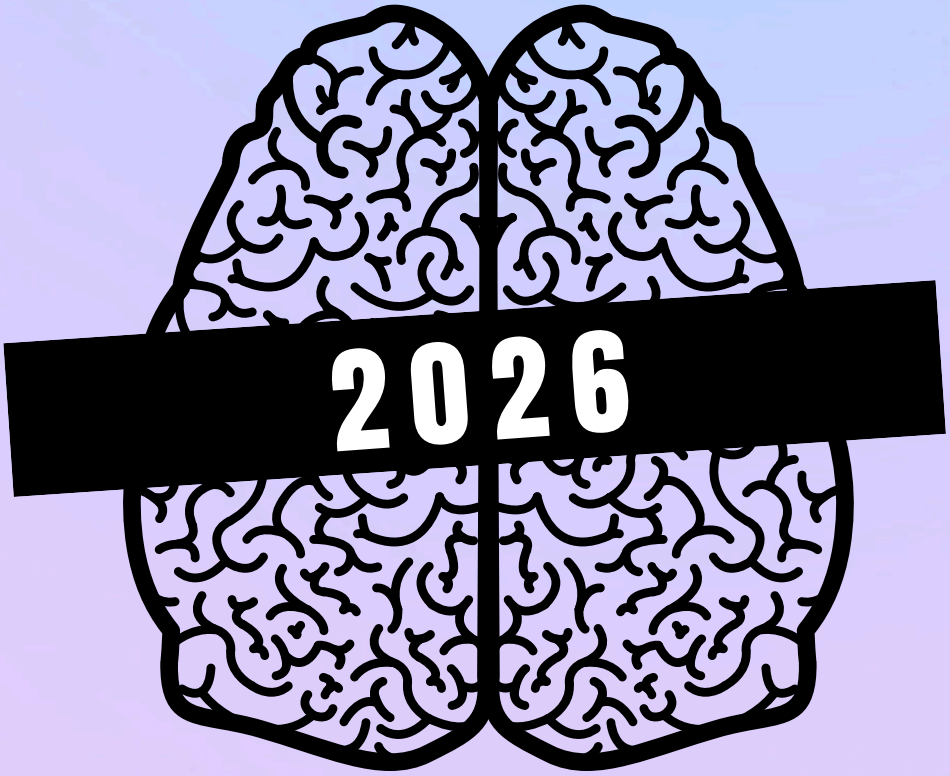
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WELCOME TO THE 14TH ANNUAL

NATIONAL STROKE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP



29 - 30 JULY 2026

#StrokeQuality2026

The Florey Institute, Smart Strokes, Stroke Foundation, and Monash University formally acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land where this event takes place. We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We would also like to acknowledge the individual and collective expertise of those with a living or lived experience of stroke. We value the courage of those who share this unique perspective for the purpose of learning and growing together to achieve better outcomes for all.

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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Wednesday 29 July 2026
Session 1: Improving the quality of sub-acute and rehabilitation services

Thursday 30 July 2026
Session 2: National Priorities and Progress in Advancing Stroke Care
Session 3: Quality Improvement Initiatives

All sessions will take place at the Ian Potter Auditorium at the Kenneth Myer Building (The Florey Institute): 30 Royal Pde Parkville VIC 3052.

Welcome & Networking Session (4:45pm - 6:45pm) at Naughtons Hotel, 43 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052 - Ticketed event, Please register here

HOUSEKEEPING

We actively encourage attendees to follow along on LinkedIn with the official workshop hashtag #StrokeQuality2026. Please note that some presentations will have a disclaimer where sharing content is not suitable.

In person attendees are reminded to switch their phones to silent. Virtual attendees are automatically muted with cameras off.

Please note that this Workshop will be recorded. By joining, you consent to be recorded in audio and/or visual format.

FEEDBACK SURVEY

We kindly ask that you complete this brief survey to provide feedback on this year's workshop and help guide future workshops by **Friday the 7th of August**. Please either click the link here or scan the QR code. Responses will be strictly confidential and help the event organisers with planning future events.

Attendees can also opt in for attendance certificates that may support continuing professional development.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SUB-ACUTE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Wednesday July 29, 2026
9.30am - 12.30pm (AEST)
Co- Chairs: Erin Godecke & Emily Ramage

	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9.30 am	Welcome	**Co-Chairs**
9.35 am	Improving the quality of subacute and chronic rehabilitation services	**Toni Arfaras** Lived Experience representative, Stroke Foundation
9.55 am	Update on the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR) and the new rehabilitation indicators from the Stroke Clinical Care Standard	**Rohan Grimley** Chair of AuSCR Clinical & Quality Improvement Committee
10.10 am	Australian Stroke Coalition - Rehabilitation Implementation Taskforce: Scope of work and future plans	**Natasha Lannin** Alfred Health & Monash University
10.25 am	QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION	CHAIRS TO FACILITATE
10.35 am	MORNING TEA	
10.55 am	Improving health behaviours and mental well-being after stroke or TIA through facilitated secondary prevention	**Beth Crane & Elim Tai** Stroke Foundation
11.10 am	Rehabilitation from acute to community: A plan to coordinate longitudinal data collection throughout recovery	**Jessica Nolan** Curtin University
11.25 am	Routinely collected data for Aphasia Care: How clinical care informs research development	**Sarah Wallace** The University of Queensland
11.40 am	QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION	CHAIRS TO FACILITATE
11.50 am	**Panel discussion & audience Q&A** • **Toni Arfaras**, Lived Experience representative, Stroke Foundation • **Natasha Lannin**, Alfred Health & Monash University • **Rohan Grimley,** Chair of AuSCR Clinical & Quality Improvement Committee • **Beth Crane**, Stroke Foundation • **Jessica Nolan**, Curtin University • **Sarah Wallace**, The University of Queensland	**Co-chairs to facilitate**
12.30 pm	CONCLUSION OF SESSION/LUNCH	

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SUB-ACUTE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Wednesday July 29, 2026
1.30pm - 4.30pm (AEST)
Co- Chairs: Elizabeth Lynch & Lauren Arthurson

	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1.30 pm	Welcome	**Co-Chairs**
1.35 pm	How to provide information after stroke using a Health Literacy lens	**Dana Wong** eNACT (Neurorehabilitation And Clinical Translation) Research Group
1.50 pm	Words Matter: Using Sex-Positive Communication After Stroke	**Saran Chamberlain** Lived experience representative
2.05 pm	Examples of challenging cases from a neuropsychology perspective and strategies in working with patients with limited self-awareness or insight	**Rene Stolwyk** Stroke and Telehealth Research & Monash-Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre
2.20 pm	**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**	**CHAIRS TO FACILITATE**
2.30 pm	Outcomes and implications of the AVERT DOSE trial results	**Fiona Ellery** The Florey
2.45 pm	The Adherence Counselling Toolkit (ACT now): promoting self-management and recovery after stroke	**Tamina Levy** Division Rehabilitation, Aged Care and Palliative Care Southern Adelaide Local Health Network
3.00 pm	Young Stroke Service - what have we learned?	**Sarah Amesz & Andrea Brown** Young Stroke Service
3.15 pm	**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**	**CHAIRS TO FACILITATE**
3.25 pm	**AFTERNOON TEA**	
3.45 pm	Panel discussion & audience Q&A • **Dana Wong,** La Trobe University • **Tamina Levy,** Flinders University • **Rene Stolwyk,** Monash University • **Sarah Amesz & Andrea Brown,** Young Stroke Service • **Saran Chamberlain,** Lived Experience representative	**Co-chairs to facilitate**
4.30 pm	**CONCLUSION OF SESSION**	

NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND PROGRESS IN ADVANCING STROKE CARE

Thursday July 30, 2026
9.30am - 12.45pm (AEST)
Co-chairs: Dominique Cadilhac & Lisa Murphy

	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9.30 am	Welcome	**Co-Chairs**
9.35 am	Time Is Brain: how FAST treatment gave me a second chance	**Shannon Nelson** Lived Experience representative
9.55 am	Enabling Better Stroke Care: The 2026 Stroke Clinical Care Standard and opportunities for system-wide improvement	**Fiona Doukas** Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
10.10 am	National Stroke Data infrastructure and registry update	**Rohan Grimley** Chair of AuSCR Clinical and Quality Improvement Committee
10.25 am	National Targets 30/60/90 & Stroke Centre Certification Update	**Skye Coote** Stroke Foundation
10.40 am	**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**	**CHAIRS TO FACILITATE**
10.50 am	**MORNING TEA**	
11.05 am	Australian Stroke Coalition Rehabilitation task force and implications of the updated stroke clinical care standards for rehabilitation settings	**Natasha Lannin** Alfred Health & Monash University
11.20 am	Centering Indigenous Leadership, Voice & Knowledge Within Mainstream Research	**Aneta Kotevski** Darak - Australian Stroke Alliance
11.35 am	Mobile Stroke Units and the Golden Hour Program	**Francesca Langenberg** Australian Stroke Alliance
11.45 am	Where Will the First Angels Region Be... and Could It Be Yours?	**Kim Malkin** Angles Initiative
11.50 pm	**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**	**CHAIRS TO FACILITATE**
12.00 pm	**State and Territory-Based insights and quality of care initiatives panel discussion - Targets focused** • VIC - Ben Clissold • NSW - Ken Butcher • SA - Michelle Hutchinson • WA - Darshan Ghia • QLD - Aylissa Canning • NT - Anna Holwell • ACT - Joschka Strahan • TAS - Beth Crane	**Rohan Grimley & Philip Choi to facilitate**
12.45 pm	**CONCLUSION OF SESSION/LUNCH**	

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Thursday July 30, 2026
1.30pm - 4.30pm (AEST)
Co-chairs: Aylissa Canning & Tanya Frost

	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1.30 pm	Welcome	**Co-Chairs**
1.35 pm	Echuca Moama Support group - peer support group in a community setting	**David Dowie** Echuca Moama Stroke Support Group
1.50 pm	"It's a really long way..." The stroke chain of recovery in central Australia	**Anna Holwell** Alice Springs Hospital
2.05 pm	Rehabilitation and recovery after intracerebral haemorrhage	**Emily Ramage** Stroke Theme - The Florey
2.20 pm	Simple screens, safer swallows: Developing a toolkit to improve dysphagia screening for stroke	**Rachel Levine** Queensland Health
2.35 pm	QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION	CHAIRS TO FACILITATE
2.45 pm	Enhancing Stroke Care Collaborative	**Tanya Frost & Ben Clissold** Safer Care Victoria
3.00 pm	**Panel discussion - Quality Improvement projects focused on lived experience gaps in care/implementation** • **Shannon Nelson,** Lived experience representative • **Rohan Grimley,** Queensland Health • **Tanya Frost,** Safer Care Victoria • **Kelvin Hill,** Stroke Foundation • **Clive Kempson,** Lived experience representative • **Colin Scott,** Lived experience representative	**Saran Chamberlain & Elizabeth Lynch to facilitate**
3.40 pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
	Quality Improvements Case Studies	
3.50 pm	Improving DTN times with thrombolysis in CT	**Jennifer Bergqvist & Jonathan Yu** Western Health
4.00 pm	Towards 2030: Quality Improvement in a Regional Primary Stroke Centre	**Read Moreland** Northeast Health Wangaratta
4.10 pm	Achieving Platinum status in the WSO Angels awards	**Melissa Brooks & Michael Devlin** Princess Alexandra Hospital
4.20 pm	QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION	CHAIRS TO FACILITATE
4.30 pm	CONCLUSION OF SESSION	

4:45 - 6:45PM WELCOME & NETWORKING SESSION - NAUGHTONS HOTEL