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Academic-health service partnerships as a translational strategy: panacea or placebo?

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Abstract

The challenges of translating research evidence into policy and practice are well recognised. One strategy that is increasingly pursued as a possible solution is the creation of formal collaborations between universities and health care organisations, premised on the belief that closer working between the producers and users of research evidence will help to overcome the barriers to translation.

In this seminar, I will explore the growing focus on these types of partnerships and examine emerging evidence about whether and how they actually work. This will include drawing on my experience of working within and evaluating the Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs) in the English National Health Service.

Biography

Gill Harvey is based in the School of Nursing at the University of Adelaide. She came to the university in October 2013 whilst on a two year sabbatical from her post as Professor of Health Management at Manchester Business School (MBS) in the UK. In November 2014, she took up a 4 year contract as a High Cite Professorial Research Fellow in Adelaide. Gill has a professional background in nursing; previous posts in the UK include working as the Director of the Royal College of Nursing's Quality Improvement Programme and Director of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) National Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Supportive Care, with a remit to develop clinical guidelines for the National Health Service (NHS). Her teaching and research interests are in the field of quality improvement, knowledge translation and mobilisation in health care.