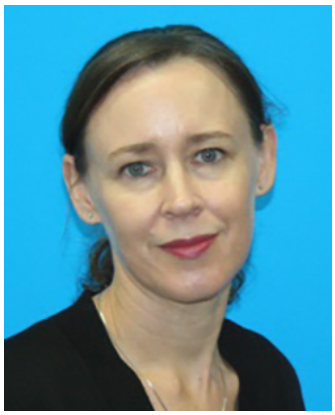
Monash Partners Fellows – An Introduction

Dr Darshini Ayton

Dr Darshini Ayton is a senior research fellow and lecturer at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. She is a mixed methods health services researcher with current projects in dementia, antimicrobial stewardship, patient-reported outcome measures, clinical quality registries and volunteer programs. Dr Ayton is a current Monash Partners Fellow and is developing a workforce capacity building program to strengthen consumer and community involvement (CCI) in health research. This work will include qualitative interviews with consumer organisations and key stakeholders in CCI, a systematic review of training/ education for CCI and the development of CCI training.



Dr Sandra Braaf

Dr Sandy Braaf is a Monash Partners Fellow working towards building consumer and community involvement in health research. She is also a Research Fellow for the Pre-hospital, Emergency and Trauma group in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Sandy has 25 year's experience as a nurse and educator in the Victorian health system before completing her PhD. She is a mixed methods researcher with projects in health communication, health literacy, health information, service provision for injured people and long-term recovery from serious injury. Sandy's current research focuses on developing a workforce capacity-building program to strengthen consumer and community involvement in health research, health care innovation and improvement.

Dr Kathryn Eastwood

Dr Kathryn Eastwood is a Monash Partners Health Services Research Fellow and a Research Fellow within the Prehospital Emergency Care -Australia and New Zealand (PEC-ANZ) Centre for Research Excellence and. Her health services research includes the management of low-acuity patients by ambulance services, telephone triage and emergency demand management.

As part of her Monash Partners Health Services Research Fellowship, Kathryn will be investigating the development of a data harmonisation road map for the linkage of prehospital and emergency department data. Kathryn also continues her role as a Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedic with Ambulance Victoria.

Dr Joanne Enticott

Dr Joanne Enticott is a 2019 Data-Driven Fellow with a mandate to develop health data research incubator hubs, and funded by Monash Partners AHRTC and Medical Research Future Fund. She is also a Senior Research Fellow and Biostatistician at the Department of General Practice and Health Services Research Coordinator at Southern Synergy Department of Psychiatry, Monash University.

Dr Enticott is lead of the Department of General Practice research theme: Primary Care Practice Data and Linkage to inform Policy and Practice. She leads data linkage projects in a secure, privacy-preserving manner, using General Practice data linked with other health data sets such as inpatient hospital admissions.

Dr Negar Naderpoor

Dr Negar Naderpoor is a clinician researcher at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Negar has had nearly 20 years' experience working as a clinician and consultant endocrinologist in private and public sectors, before completing her PhD at MCHRI, Monash University.

As a current Monash Partners Fellow, Negar is working on designing a roadmap to integrate and harmonise data on maternity health outcomes. Her work includes reviewing data harmonisation methods; evaluating major registries of maternal health data to identify inconsistencies and limitations of routinely collected data; and conducting expert interviews to determine core outcomes with a special focus on gestational diabetes and polycystic ovary syndrome.

Dr Denise O'Connor

Dr Denise O'Connor is a NHMRC TRIP Fellow and Senior Research Fellow in the Monash-Cabrini Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Monash University. She is Director of the Australasian Satellite of Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC) Group which is responsible for producing systematic reviews of interventions designed to improve health care delivery and professional practice. Dr O'Connor is an Honorary Monash Partners Health Services Research Fellow. Her expertise is in health services and implementation research, with special interest in reducing low-value care, exploring alternative models of care to improve health system sustainability and optimising audit and feedback to improve care. Dr O'Connor's research is in health services, focusing on the design, delivery, uptake and impact of behaviour change interventions to translate knowledge from research into clinical practice.

Dr Victoria Team

Dr Victoria Team is a Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Health Services Research Fellow who undertakes a project on pressure injury surveillance and prevention to reduce avoidable harm. Concurrently with her Monash Partners project, she coordinates NHMRC-funded Translation Research into Practice Fellowship Project in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Monash University. This project is focused on translation of evidence-based practice in venous leg ulcer management in general practices located in Victoria.

Victoria was trained as a medical doctor in Europe and practiced in Africa for almost 10 years. Upon completion of her Doctorate in the University of Melbourne, she has been involved in various research projects in the field of women's health and, lately, in the field of wound management.