



Health and Developmental Follow-up for Infants Born Very Preterm Guideline Working Group

Call for expressions of interest – closing 3 December 2021

The Centre of Research Excellence in Newborn Medicine is calling for collaborators to create a guideline about health and developmental follow-up for infants born very preterm (<32 weeks' gestation) in Australia.

Although these infants have a higher chance of experiencing difficulties with their development than infants born full term, there is currently no standard for developmental follow-up for these infants in Australia. This means many families miss out on the clinical support they need.

ABOUT THE GUIDELINE WORKING GROUP

We are seeking experts from various fields to join the guideline working group.

Over the course of 2022, members of the guideline working group will:

- Set the scope for the guideline
- Review the evidence regarding developmental outcomes and follow-up for infants and children born very preterm

- Develop evidence-based recommendations for the developmental follow-up of these children from 0-18 years
- Contribute to implementation planning for the guideline
- Attend online meetings and review materials between meetings

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are seeking a geographically diverse group of people from around Australia including:

- Neonatologists
- Paediatricians
- Allied health clinicians
- Maternal and child health nurses / child and family health nurses / community health nurses
- General practitioners
- Health professionals from regional / rural settings
- Consumers – parents or other caregivers of children born very preterm
- Researchers
- Health service administrators



HOW TO APPLY

Responses to this call for expressions of interest close

Friday 3 December 2021.

Email expressions of interest to

alice.burnett@mcri.edu.au with 'EOI – guideline working group' as the subject.

Include:

- a brief (<1 page) CV
- a cover letter outlining how your experience meets the selection criteria below (1 page maximum)

Selection Criteria:

1. Relevant clinical expertise and/or lived experience with children born very preterm
2. Available to participate in the activities of the guideline working group over the course of 2022, including online meetings every 6-8 weeks, review of materials between meetings, and electronic communication
3. Relevant knowledge and skills in developing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines or quality improvement projects
4. Enthusiasm for improving healthcare service delivery
5. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively

ABOUT THE CENTRE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN NEWBORN MEDICINE

The Centre of Research Excellence in Newborn Medicine is a NHMRC funded initiative that supports collaborative research and capacity development in the area of newborn medicine research. The Centre comprises a world leading, multidisciplinary team of clinicians, researchers, students and families all working together to generate and disseminate new evidence to ensure that all babies reach their full potential.

MORE INFORMATION

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