



Professor Craig Veitch

Professor Veitch is an experienced epidemiologist and health services researcher with clinical experience in radiation therapy. He is an adjunct professor in the James Cook University of North Queensland School of Medicine, where he was the inaugural Professor of Rural Health and headed the Rural Health Research Unit. He was the Director of the JCU Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development Program and was instrumental in developing the medical course curriculum at JCU. His other areas of expertise include research into colo-rectal cancer, as well as rural, remote and Indigenous health care and road safety in rural areas. He was appointed Director of the Community Based Health Care Research Unit in 2007.

Professor Veitch is the Principal Investigator on a recently funded NHMRC Partnership Grant. The program of research is being conducted in partnership with the NSW Department of Human Services – Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Western Region. Evidence is being gathered to inform therapy workforce and service policy in rural areas.

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Research Grants

Current NHMRC Grant Projects

2009-2014 **Integrating evidence into policy and sustainable service delivery: The 'wobbly hub and double spokes' model.** NHMRC Partnership Program Grant, with M Lincoln, A Bundy, G Gallego, R Madden & DADHC Western Region. (\$1.6M)

2007-2011 **Building research capacity in Indigenous Australians and community controlled health services.** NHMRC Capacity Building Grant (ID 431504) in Population Health Research, **C Veitch**, R Speare, K Tsey, J Elston, R Murray.

Current Grant Projects from other sources

2008-10 **Referral pathways in colorectal cancer: general practitioners' patterns of referral and factors that influence referral.** Cancer Council of Australia Project Grant, **C Veitch**, MF Harris, R Knight, AD Spigelman, DL O'Connell, MB Barton, J Beilby

2008-10 **Research to Track the Rural Pharmacy Workforce and Identify the Role that Rural Programs have on the Retention of the Rural Pharmacy Workforce.** Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing & Pharmacy Guild of Australia, **C Veitch** J Smith, K Battye, et al

Past Grants Projects from other sources

2007 **Database development for multiple longitudinal studies of colorectal cancer.** JCU Research Infrastructure Block Grant, **C Veitch**, Y-H Ho, L Kennedy.

2007-08 **Evaluation of two strategies undertaken by Queensland Emergency Medical System Coordination Centre (QCC) in Townsville to improve outcomes for rural patients following traumatic injury.** Australian Rotary Health Research Fund grant, **C Veitch**, M Elcock, P Aitken, A McDonnell, K Mathews, R Andrews.

2007-08 **Acute Otitis Externa: incidence, prevalence and management in tropical north Queensland.** Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing –PHCRED.
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2006-07 **Rural residents' experiences of colo-rectal cancer in north Queensland (& Scottish Highlands).** Queensland Cancer Fund grant, **C Veitch**, Y-H Ho.

2002-08 **Research Program to reduce the economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in Northern Queensland,** **C Veitch**, M Sheehan, V Siskind, C Edmonstone, R Turner, E Chalmers. Funded by Queensland Government & Motor Accident Insurance Commission

2006-08 **AVANTI. JCU Research Advancement Program grant,** **C Veitch**, L Kennedy, J Golledge, et al

2003-07 North Qld Centre for Cancer Research. Queensland Cancer Fund research establishment grant, Ho, Lam, Raasch, Veitch, Buettner