

## Allied health collaboratives facilitate accelerated implementation of expanded scope models of care

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### Background (69)

Within Queensland public health services there are a number of successful models which use allied health professionals in full and extended scope of practice roles. However, these are not widespread and uptake has been slow and inconsistent. A key recommendation arising from the *Ministerial Taskforce on health practitioner expanded scope of practice* was to support the redesign of models of care to optimise allied health professional scope of practice.

### Methods (99)

Funding was provided to Hospital and Health Services to facilitate collaboration using a hub and spoke model to support the replication of proven expanded scope of practice models at other (spoke) sites. Lead (hub) sites were required to have an existing model with the potential for replication and to provide assistance to nominated spoke sites to facilitate accelerated implementation of models. Perceptions of the benefits and barriers in using a hub and spoke methodology to assist uptake and adoption were obtained at six months from key stakeholders at both hub and spoke sites via survey and targeted semi-structured interviews.

### Results (71)

Six collaboratives were funded including multidisciplinary paediatric liaison service; dysphagia telepractice assessment by speech pathologists; physiotherapy prescribing; radiographer commenting; primary contact allied health vestibular services and audiology and speech pathology led ENT services. Three of the six models have been successfully replicated at the nominated spoke sites using the hub and spoke methodology. A number of barriers inhibited the adoption at spoke sites of the remaining models within the designated timeframe.

### Discussion (57)

The hub and spoke methodology provides a useful model for expediting uptake of redesigned or reformed models of care. A number of benefits and barriers to utilisation of this methodology have been identified through the evaluation and provide useful "lessons learnt" to inform future funding priorities and initiatives aimed at facilitating rollout of proven models of care.