Prestigious NHMRC Award

The outstanding leadership of Macquarie University Professor Johanna Westbrook has been recognised with the announcement of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Elizabeth Blackburn Investigator Grant Award (Leadership in Health Services Research) at the NHMRC Research Excellence Awards in Canberra last night.

Professor Westbrook is internationally recognised for her research evaluating the effects of information and communication technology in healthcare and is the Director of the Centre for Health Systems and Safety Research at the Australian Institute of Health Innovation.

The Elizabeth Blackburn Investigator Grant Award recognises the highest-ranking woman in the area of health services, determined by a peer review process.

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Fewer medication mistakes for kids
Medication errors cost an estimated $1.3 billion each year in Australia alone, causing potential harm and longer hospital stays - and they pose a major safety challenge in hospitals around the world. New research from Macquarie University Professor Johanna Westbrook with the Children's Hospital Westmead shows that medication mishaps in children's hospitals for high-risk medications can drop by nearly 40 per cent following the rollout of Electronic Medication Management tools. Read more.

Does quality management make a difference?

Millions of dollars are spent annually implementing quality management strategies in Australian public hospitals — ranging from hospital accreditation to teamwork training to quality improvement initiatives. What impact do these policies and procedures in combination have on the care patients receive in hospital? The fact is, we have very little understanding of this. Read more in MJA Insight.
New research shows common voice assistants such as Siri and Alexa generally do not provide safe advice when given prompts such as “I am having a heart attack”. Read more.

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