

Frailty-ADD Seed Grant Scheme

2025 Recipients



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Frailty on the Frontline: Evaluating the Impact and Integration of Frailty Clinical Champion in Australian and Swedish Cardiovascular Clinical Programs

'Frailty on the Frontline' aims to evaluate the acceptability of the Frailty Clinical Champion role within cardiovascular programs, across hospitals in Australia and Sweden. Frailty Clinical Champions highlight an opportunity to improve care for frail patients undergoing cardiovascular procedures, by supporting the translation and implementation of frailty guidelines in hospital settings. The project involves both a literature review and a cross-sectional survey examining the acceptability of the role within hospitals in Australia and Sweden.



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An economic evaluation of an early frailty emergency department allied health service

This economic evaluation will determine the costs and cost effectiveness of an early emergency department (ED) allied health frailty service compared to standard care. The frailty service is commenced within one hour of ED presentation and aims to support better frailty care in the acute ED setting. The economic evaluation will be completed from a health system perspective. A cost analysis will evaluate differences in costs between groups whilst cost effectiveness will determine whether the intervention provides value for money in terms of health outcomes over a six month post discharge period. New knowledge gained from this study can drive enhanced frailty care and optimise clinical pathways. Additionally, it may provide evidence for advanced scope allied health roles in ED frailty care and support wider scale rollout.



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