

HeLiNS ANNOUNCEMENT

Health Libraries Australia and Health Libraries Inc have been successful in winning the 2016 \$5000 ALIA Research Award. This collaborative research– to be known as HeLiNS (Health Libraries for the National Standards) Project will be jointly coordinated by Ann Ritchie (Convenor HLA) and Michele Gaca (President HLI). Gemma Siemensma and Jeremy Taylor will lead each of the component studies.

The purpose of the research is to explore and record the contribution that health libraries make to the achievement of hospital accreditation, with a view to demonstrating their value. It is intended that this research will help shift the (mis)perception of hospital libraries from being ‘nice to have’ services to essential, core services.

Specific objectives are to:

1. Explore ways in which health libraries assist their organisations in achieving accreditation.
2. Design expert searches that will assist organisations in keeping current with the latest research-based literature (evidence) pertinent to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.
3. Assess the availability of resource materials referenced in NSQHS Standards documentation and workbooks.

A national reference group comprising representatives from all states and regions will be convened to ensure the study has national relevance.

Watch out for further developments about HeLiNS!