IMPRovE Trial Key OPINION LEADER – role description

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| **PROJECT** | IMPRovE NHMRC Partnership Trial, Department of General Practice. Affiliate and Contractor, Monash University |
| **REMUNERATION** | $200 per hour  Travel to attend project meetings will be arranged and paid for by the project. |
| **TERM** | 2020-2023 |

## project overview

The *Implementing work-related Mental health guidelines in general PRacticE (IMPRovE)* is an implementation trial in general practice. Our primary aim is to implement the *Clinical Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Work-related Mental Health Conditions in General Practice*. Our secondary aims are to:

a) improve the health and return to work outcomes for patients with work-related mental health conditions in this study;

b) evaluate the cost effectiveness of the guideline implementation strategy;

c) develop an implementation plan for sustainability and national scale-up.

We will utilise a pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial design with a stepped-wedge approach to trial a complex intervention in general practice. Intervention components will consist of academic detailing, resource provision, and peer engagement through a digital community of practice.

IMPRovE is funded through an NHMRC Partnership Grant. Our partners on this project are Beyond Blue, Attorney General’s Department, Comcare, Queensland Office of Industrial Relations, State Insurance Regulatory Authority, WorkSafeVictoria, WorkCoverWA, RTWSA and iCare.

## purpose of the improve trial Key opinion leader(s)

You will work as part of a panel of Key Opinion Leaders, who supported by the project team, will deliver the Academic Detailing component of the IMPRovE intervention and facilitate GP engagement in the digital Community of Practice.

Opinion Leaders will report to the Executive Team via the Project Manager. See appendix A for a detailed description of the IMPRovE Governance Structure and Team Structure.

**why you have been invited to become an improve trial opinion leader**

You have been invited to be an IMPRovE Opinion Leader because you are well-known and highly respected amongst your peers. In addition, you are well-versed in the workers’ compensation system in your state. This may enable to assist your fellow-GPs in overcoming system challenges that prevent them from providing high quality care to patients with work-related mental health conditions.

## what you will be asked to do

As an IMPRovE Key Opinion Leader(s), you will be asked to (1) Provide academic detailing to GPs who are enrolled as participants in the trial, (2) Engage with GP participants through the digital Community of Practice and (3) Offer guidance to the team about the appropriateness and applicability of the content that will be delivered through the academic detailing session and digital Community of Practice. These are outlined in more detail below:

**The IMPRovE Academic Detailing Program**

You will be asked to provide face-to-face academic detailing to up to 20 GP clusters; where each GP cluster is a GP clinic with at least one participating GP). GP clusters receiving academic detailing will be located across New South Wales or Victoria, and you will be assigned to deliver detailing to GPs in your state only. Delivery of academic detailing will be face-to-face, as such you will be required to drive to each GP cluster location. You will be reimbursed for the time taken to travel and your travel costs. Academic detailing sessions will be booked in during office hours subject to your availability and the availability of the GP/GPs.

You will be asked to keep a diary of the issues raised during your academic detailing sessions so that the project team can address these issues through activities in the Community of Practice.

**The IMPRovE digital Community of Practice**

You will be asked to engage with GPs on the digital Community of Practice by (a) stimulating discussions on the Community of Practice Discussion Board; (b) responding to clinical questions posed by GP participants; (c) facilitating a cohesive and safe space for participants to express their views or concerns with regards the management of work-related mental health conditions. Your engagement in the community of practice can occur either during or outside of office hours according to agreed upon schedule with the project manager.

**Opinion Leaders will be supported by the IMPRovE Project Team in the following ways:**

* Coordination of your academic detailing schedule.
* Online training on the delivery of academic detailing (adapted from the National Prescribing Service training program)
* Provision of a face-to-face workshop with all Opinion Leaders to highlight the Academic Detailing content (March 2020)
* Assistance to develop content for the digital Community of Practice (e.g. case studies, quizzes etc)
* Ongoing support through the IMPRovE team.

## Legal compliance

Please ensure you are aware of and adhere to legislation and Monash University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including: Equal Employment Opportunity, supporting equity and fairness; Occupational Health and Safety, supporting a safe workplace; Conflict of Interest (including Conflict of Interest in Research); Paid Outside Work; Privacy; Research Conduct; and Staff/Student Relationships.

## project contact

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<https://www.monash.edu/medicine/spahc/general-practice/research-projects/the-improve-partnership-trial>

**Appendix A.**

**Steering Group**

Chair: CIA

Exec Support: Research Assistant

**Data Monitoring Committee**

Chair: TBA

Exec Support: Research Assistant

**Intervention Advisory Group**

Chair: CIA

Exec Support: Project Officer

**Executive Team**

Chair: CIA

Exec Support: Research Assistant

**Implementation Team**

Chair: PM

Exec Support: Research Assistant

**GP Reference Group**

Exec Support: Project Officer

***Figure 1. IMPRovE governance structure***

IMPRovE Committees will be operationalised with support from the project team as outlined in Figure 2.

**Executive Team**

Prof Lyndal Trevena

(NSW Lead)

A/Prof Duncan Mortimer

(Health Economics Lead)

**Intervention Advisory Group**

**Clinical Trial Coordinator (CTC) Vic**

TBA

Key responsibilities: Recruitment, Data Collection

Recruitment, Data Collection

**Health Economist**

TBA

Key responsibility: Health economic analysis

**Clinical Trial Coordinator (CTC) NSW**

TBA

Key responsibilities: Recruitment, Data Collection

Prof Danielle Mazza

(Project Lead, Vic)

**Key Opinion Leaders**

**Project Manager (PM)**

Dr Samantha Chakraborty

Key responsibilities: Project implementation, Trial design and intervention roll out, Stakeholder engagement

**PhD Candidate**

TBA

Key responsibilities TBA

**Research Assistant (RA)**

Dr Vera Da Costa

Key responsibilities: Trial conduct, Project administration, Executive Support ET, SG, Implementation Team

**Project Officer (PO)**

Michelle Jones

Key responsibility: Intervention design, development and roll out, Executive Support IAG, GPRG, Opinion Leaders

***Figure 2. IMPRovE team structure***