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## **CHARM Heart Foundation Workshop**

# **Quality Improvement in Healthcare: Why it matters and global challenges**

**MONDAY 29TH JULY 2019**

**1 P.M. - 3 P.M.**

**THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM, LEVEL 2  
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### **PRESENTER:**

**Emma Thomas**, PhD student, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne and Senior Heart Health Coordinator, Heart Foundation

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## About The Workshop

Join like minded professionals to discuss the importance of quality improvement in health care and the barriers and enablers for implementing service change at a local and national level.

Emma Thomas was a key member of the working group to develop standardised content, quality indicators and data sets for cardiac rehabilitation services across Australia. This interactive session will discuss the process to develop the new quality indicators, implications for practice and the future direction of this work. This workshop will also provide a formalised feedback mechanism on the national quality indicators as part of the consultative process.

## About Emma Thomas

Emma Thomas is a PhD candidate at the University of Melbourne (School of Global and Population Health) and an NHMRC Postgraduate Scholar. Her PhD investigates how a cardiac rehabilitation registry could be established in Victoria to enable systematic monitoring of cardiac rehabilitation programs and patient outcomes.

Additionally, she has worked with Deakin University and the Heart Foundation to develop a standardised cardiac rehabilitation program outline which aims to reduce the variability in program delivery. She also sits on a National Taskforce for the development of Australian cardiac rehabilitation quality indicators.

Emma's research more broadly has focused on the prevention of cardiovascular disease and implementation science. In particular, she is interested in scaling-up effective interventions to reach larger populations. Prior to commencing her PhD, Emma worked at the University of Oxford at the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre on Population Approaches for Non-Communicable Disease Prevention and the University of Queensland in a centre for research excellence in stroke rehabilitation. This work builds on previous clinical experience in the area of stroke rehabilitation as a speech pathologist.

Emma now works as a Senior Coordinator for Heart Health at the Heart Foundation (QLD).



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