

# VicReN



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## Research Capacity Building: The Role of the Practice-Based Research Network VicReN

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VicReN: established May 2007

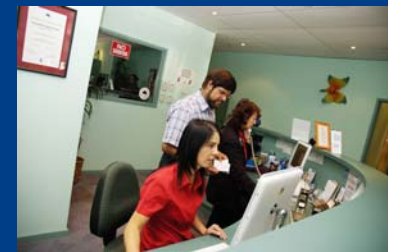
- A collaboration between the Primary Care Research Unit and practices across Victoria
- Builds on the successful research experiences of networks internationally



# BUILDING RESEARCH CAPACITY

## VicReN:

- (i) links members with research fellowships and academic research courses;
- (ii) encourages members' participation in ethical research projects that support primary care;
- (iii) invites members to academic and research events
- (iv) provides regular e-bulletins and newsletters;
- (iv) develops relevant modules on the research process and presenting research skills.



# BUILDING RESEARCH CAPACITY

VicReN:

- (i) ensures GP and PN advisers are funded places in PCRU/collaborative research
- (ii) encourages external research collaborators to attend forums with members to:
  - develop interventions sustainable in general practice
  - ensure methodology is feasible in general practice

