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Professor Joan Webster

Professor Joan Webster has been the RBWH Nursing Director of Research since 1991.

Joan is a recognised leader in hospital-based nursing and midwifery research, and has published in numerous peer-reviewed journals.

Driven by the wellbeing of patients, and the use of research to improve clinical practice, Joan introduced and coordinates an evidence-based practice training program for RBWH nurses and midwives.

She works closely with evidence-based practice students to identify knowledge gaps and develop local clinical research to fill these gaps.

Joan is a passionate mentor, providing advice and training in all aspects of the research process, including guidance through the ethics process. She is rewarded by enabling nurses and midwives to develop the confidence and expertise to publish their own research.

In recent years, Joan has been awarded over \$10.4 million in research grants, including seven NHMRC project grants. She collaborates with universities and hospitals across Queensland, Australia, and internationally.



Joan's recent research programs have focused around wound management, pressure ulcer prevention and intravenous access. Her research in these areas is regularly cited in literature and guidelines, including the national infection prevention guidelines of the UK and USA governments.

As well as being a member of the hospital's Human Research Ethics Committee's Scientific Sub-committee and Research Advisory Committee, Joan is instrumental in organising the annual RBWH Healthcare Symposium.

Joan is a Professor in nursing and midwifery at Griffith University where she is also a member of the Alliance for Vascular Access Teaching and Research Group. She is Adjunct Associate Professor with the University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology, and an Honorary Visiting Professor at Manchester University in England. She is one of only 12 editors appointed to the Cochrane Collaboration's Wounds Group.