Welcome From the Director


- Richard J. Roberts

Background

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) is a premier institutional institute in Australia and is recognized nationally as a Research Centre of Excellence. The Centre is multidisciplinary and inter-disciplinary with mental health, social science and other research groups from the University of New South Wales, as well as with a group of government and international organizations in Australia and overseas.

The overall mission of NDARC is to conduct high quality research and related activities that increase the effectiveness of Australian and international treatment and other intervention responses to alcohol and other drug-related harms.

In addition to the research conducted at the Centre, other NDARC activities include the Annual Symposium and a range of special conferences and graduate workshops. As well as contributing to scientific journal and other publications, NDARC produce a Research Monograph and Technical Report Series. In conjunction with the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), it is in collaboration with the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), which is an essential part of the national research agenda in the field of drug and alcohol research.

Mission Statement

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In order to increase the effectiveness of the Australian treatment system response to drug problems four goals need to be met:

1. The services to which treatment should be directed need to be known;
2. Effective treatments should be available for responding to those harms;
3. Those providing treatment should be aware of which treatments are effective, and;
4. Those who suffer the harms for which the treatments are intended should be made aware of ways in which to minimise harms, and of the availability of effective forms of treatment.

Key Goals

1. To improve our understanding of the nature and extent of alcohol and other drug-related harms to which treatment and other interventions should be directed;
2. To improve knowledge on the range and effectiveness of treatment and other interventions that are available to reduce harms as well as to other drug-related harms;
3. To improve knowledge and treatment and other interventions for all drug-related harms;
4. To improve our understanding of appropriate and effective treatment for alcohol and drug-related problems.

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