

**IPDLN 2020 Conference**  
**DRAFT Virtual Workshop Program | 1 – 6 November 2020**

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### Sunday 1 November 2020, UTC Time

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It is widely recognized that enabling documentation, sharing and reuse of research methods is critical to maximizing the benefit of the wealth of population data available. Replication is key to raising the quality of and confidence in research findings. Cross-centre studies increase power to study rare events, and they can also mitigate bias found in a single data source. Enabling researchers to use methods created by others facilitates rapid, efficient research and enables continuous improvement rather than reinventing the wheel. The umbrella term “repeatable research” covers a toolbox of techniques used to meet these goals. The goals of this workshop are to:

- raise awareness of different development activities happening across our network;
- introduce researchers who may not be familiar with these techniques to key concepts;
- signpost them to relevant tools and approaches; and
- identify possibilities for better coordination and collaboration.

In this workshop we will consider the state of the art in four areas: Electronic Phenotyping – Defining clinical concepts measured in data. Common Data Models – An approach to enabling sharing methods and tools. Repeatable analysis – Tools to enable rapid implementation and repeatability of standard data preparation and analysis methods. Repeatable reporting -- Techniques to facilitate repeatability in generation of outputs, including tools such as markdown.

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**Short Course:** Using Data Linkage for Research : An Introduction and Primer (session 2 of 2)

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<p><b>LIVE</b>  <b>12:00 AM, Tuesday 3 November, UTC Time</b></p> <p>6:00 PM, Tuesday 3 November, Toronto Time</p>	<p><b>Workshop:</b> Methods and Approaches for Optimising the Use of Linked Data in Indigenous Health Research</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Bridgette McNamara, Sandra Eades, Marcia Langton</p>

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**Duration:** 4 Hours

**Bios:**

Professor Sandra Eades is the Dean of Medicine at Curtin University. In 2003, she was Australia's first Aboriginal medical doctor to be awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy (The University of Western Australia). Sandra is now internationally recognised as a leading researcher in the epidemiology of Indigenous health in Australia. Sandra also serves as Chair of the NHMRC's Principal Committee Indigenous Caucus, in Australia. Currently, Sandra leads a NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence focused on Aboriginal child and adolescent health, and a MRFF Million Minds Mission program of research focusing on improving mental health care access for young Aboriginal people.

Professor Marcia Langton AM is an anthropologist and geographer, and is the Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at The University of Melbourne. She has produced a large body of knowledge in the areas of political and legal anthropology, Indigenous agreements and engagement with the minerals industry, and Indigenous culture and art. In 1993, she was made a member of the Order of Australia, in recognition of her work in anthropology and the advocacy of Aboriginal rights. Her 2012 Boyer lectures titled, *The Quiet Revolution: Indigenous People and the Resources Boom*, is one of her many contributions to public debate. Her role in the Empowered Communities project under contract to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and as a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians, are evidence of Marcia's academic reputation, policy commitment and impact, alongside her role as a prominent public intellectual.

Dr Bridgette McNamara is a Senior Research Fellow in the Indigenous Epidemiology and Health Unit, Centre of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at The University of Melbourne. Awarded her PhD in 2009, her subsequent research has examined the determinants of health and wellbeing among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the life-course, using total population linked health and administrative data and large cohort data. She currently leads the *Defying the Odds* study into early childhood morbidity and mortality among Aboriginal children in WA.

**Workshop Overview:**

This workshop will focus on processes, methods and overcoming challenges in the use of linked data for Indigenous health research, from a research perspective. This workshop will draw on expertise of Indigenous and non-Indigenous research leaders to present and discuss successful methods for optimising the use of linked data in mixed method study designs across a range of topics in Indigenous health. By the end of this workshop, participants will learn about and be able to discuss:

1. Broader issues related to the governance of data generated by and about Indigenous Australians, including the holding, controlling and processing of data, and its classification of as a proprietary asset.
2. Successful methods of engaging and partnering with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders and organisations in research programs involving linked data analysis.
3. Strengths of mixed method designs for working with the perspectives, priorities and concerns of Aboriginal community-controlled health services and policy agencies.

4. Understanding the value, the gaps and limitations, and data quality of linked administrative data about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
5. Specific methodological approaches to address challenges of working with population-based linked data for Indigenous health research (Indigeneity, different patterns of service usage and access based on location and social circumstances).
6. Responsible and ethical reporting of findings from linked data.

### Wednesday 4 November 2020, UTC Time

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	<p>David is joint lead of the Health Information Research Unit for Wales (HIRU), which develops new ways of harnessing the potential of routinely collected information collected in health and other settings. HIRU's main product is the SAIL Databank, an internationally recognised data linkage resource formed from a wide variety of routinely collected data from across Wales.</p> <p>David is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA) and past Chairman and a current Director of MediWales, a membership organisation representing the medical technology sector of Wales. David is a member of numerous committees and national bodies relating to health informatics and health-related research. He has received research grants and consultancy contracts valuing over £35m over recent years.</p> <p><b>Workshop Overview:</b> The wide spread adoption of trusted research environments has brought massive advantages and benefits. However, this has led to increased siloing of data holdings with a complex mixture of differing governance models, most of which prevent data release or movement. The workshop objectives are to explore current approaches, constraints, governance models enable federating access to large siloed collections in order to accelerate data science. Attendees will both gain an understanding of the current approaches available and their perspective strengths/weaknesses. The key benefit is the ability to meaningfully shape the direction of development for these emerging technologies and ensure that they do not lose sight of the end user utility and are able to deliver against a data science use case that clearly increases the power of research beyond what is achievable today.</p>
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	<p><b>Workshop Overview:</b></p> <p>The objectives of this workshop are to describe the philosophy of Common Data Models (CDMs), what they look like and their place in the research continuum, especially in the context of real world health data linkage. This workshop will focus on how researchers can adopt a CDM approach to facilitate the generation of large-scale real-world evidence from their data sources. As a result of this workshop participants will understand the concept of Common Data Models, how they can map data to a CDM framework and how to use vocabularies within the CDM to standardise content data to facilitate international studies.</p>
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