

## SECTION 2 – Project Information

**Project Title:** Arranging Generalism in the 2020 Australian Primary Health Care Team

### Project Synopsis

Please provide a synopsis of your proposal that can be used for promotional purposes (eg. APHCRI website). Your synopsis should not exceed more than a couple of paragraphs.

The announcement by the Australian Federal Government for the development of a National Primary Health Care Strategy means that examining the role generalism can play in delivering health care for all is timely. Detailed studies have been conducted on workforce issues which have identified the important place of medical and allied health generalists in primary care. However, further investigation of the arrangement and organisation of generalism as a broader philosophy of practice within primary health care and care teams is essential. How do we place generalism within existing and emerging primary care teams? What arrangements will need to be made to see generalism become a central feature and underpinning philosophy of practice for primary health care? How will care across multidisciplinary teams be coordinated? What are the important values and principles that are required to create ethical primary health care systems? This proposal will extend on the work conducted in the narrative review and synthesis 'What is the Place of Generalism in the 2020 Primary Care Team'. The proposal seeks to test out three identified essential dimensions of generalism from a conceptual model developed from largely medical generalist literature in a real-life practice setting. Our proposal will model the primary care team mix and the scope of practice required by all health care professionals to respond to the complex and multiple health needs of patients in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This will be critical to informing current policy developments and for understanding the arrangements that need to be made to embed generalism within primary care.