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Cardiac and Vascular Health Clinical Academic Group

Big Ideas

Expression of Interest

Introduction and Objective

The Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise (SPHERE) has been established as a partnership between 14 leaders in health, education and medical research. The aim of the Partnership is to expedite the path for positive medical research discoveries into clinical use. The Partnership has four key objectives:

- Strong alignment between partners that result in improved care and health outcomes for local populations.
- Enhanced educational and learning experiences in a variety of clinical and non-clinical settings.
- Research discovery and rapid translation of those discoveries and innovations to patient and population benefit.
- Strong relationships with industry and local communities to improve health.

The Cardiac and Vascular Health CAG will actively incorporate SPHERE partner organisations, bringing together clinicians and researchers from Universities, Health Services and Medical Research Institutes. Our combined research strength spans the translational medicine spectrum of bench to bedside and health service delivery.

'Big Idea' pitch and development

Each Area of Focus will lead a portfolio of projects that are developed as opportunities and strengths are identified. 'Big Ideas' are a forum for portfolio development. This initiative focuses on innovation, creativity and discovery. Working up big ideas into spade-ready projects within programs of work will benefit the CAG in both the short and long term by guiding our work and helping achieve our strategy.

The aim is to **leverage the local landscape and add value over and above pre-existing initiatives and capabilities**. For the EOI, 'Big Ideas' do not need to be fully formed but sufficiently mature that their value can be articulated. They should focus on building novel programs and solutions or transforming existing research across disparate organisational/geographical hubs into a new, harmonised entity with national and international significance. 'Big Ideas' should require funding beyond the usual grant funding mechanisms. 'Big Ideas' selected for inclusion in the workshop will be presented as a '5-minute pitch for your \$10M idea' that will then be further developed, including a path to implementation, with the attendees.

In considering a large-scale program of public health interest

When planning a large-scale program of public health interest, you may wish to consider the following:

- Start with the patient voice and unmet need
- Focus on the entity beyond what you do
- The program should align with existing strength and integrate with the local landscape but be more than the sum of the parts
- Construct a public narrative; consider costs of care and health burden
- Think national/international in reach
- Champions are needed who can focus on entity development and maintain momentum