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### *Paving the way for Queensland's emergency departments*

Over \$1 million in funding has been allocated to help make Queensland the location of choice for emergency medicine physicians with an interest in research.

The Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation (QEMRF) - the only fund of its kind in Australia - has announced the first round of funding for grants to attract clinicians from interstate and overseas to Queensland, as well as to retain those already working here.

QEMRF Chair Dr Sylvia Andrew-Starkey said the funding would make a real difference to emergency medicine recruitment, research and outcomes.

"These grants are a real opportunity for Queensland to lead the way in emergency medicine," Dr Sylvia Andrew-Starkey said.

"The research projects will be hosted by Public Hospitals across the state and will significantly improve the knowledge of emergency medicine physicians throughout the State.

"The upshot is Queensland patients will ultimately receive better care, treatment and outcomes well into the future.

Dr Andrew-Starkey said QEMRF was striving to make Queensland the place emergency medicine physicians would want to work.

"We have a shortage of doctors throughout Queensland and any opportunity to retain and recruit medical staff is fantastic," she said.

"Attracting emergency medicine physicians from interstate and overseas to work in our public hospital system will help ease the pressures we are currently experiencing.

"Ultimately it is the patients in our emergency departments who will reap the benefits from more funding, more research and more staff."

The many research projects funded by the Foundation include bettering patient assessment and care, improving working conditions for clinicians and assessing factors influencing access and admission.

All funding is for periods of one to two years of study, with initial and ongoing funding received from the Queensland Government.

Further information on the Foundation is available at [www.gemrf.org.au](http://www.gemrf.org.au).

Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation is a registered charity and donations can be made by contacting the Foundation.

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**Research will be conducted in the following areas:**

1. Improving the treatment for patients presenting with serious infections
2. Significantly reducing the time to diagnosis for patients presenting with chest pain
3. The impact of predicting Emergency Department Admissions
4. Disaster Preparedness
5. The effects of Registrar Night Shifts
6. Provision of Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation by relatives of cardiac arrest victims
7. Different methods of sedation for painful procedures
8. Development of Guidelines for sedation for painful procedures
9. Examination of Regulatory Systems for workplace health and safety
10. Methods to improve the care of multi-trauma patients
11. Developing methods to assess who should have an Advance Health Directive.