

SOLVE-CHD Project Showcase

Online Zoom 8 November, 1:30–3:00PM AEDT

PRESENTERS

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Matt Hollings



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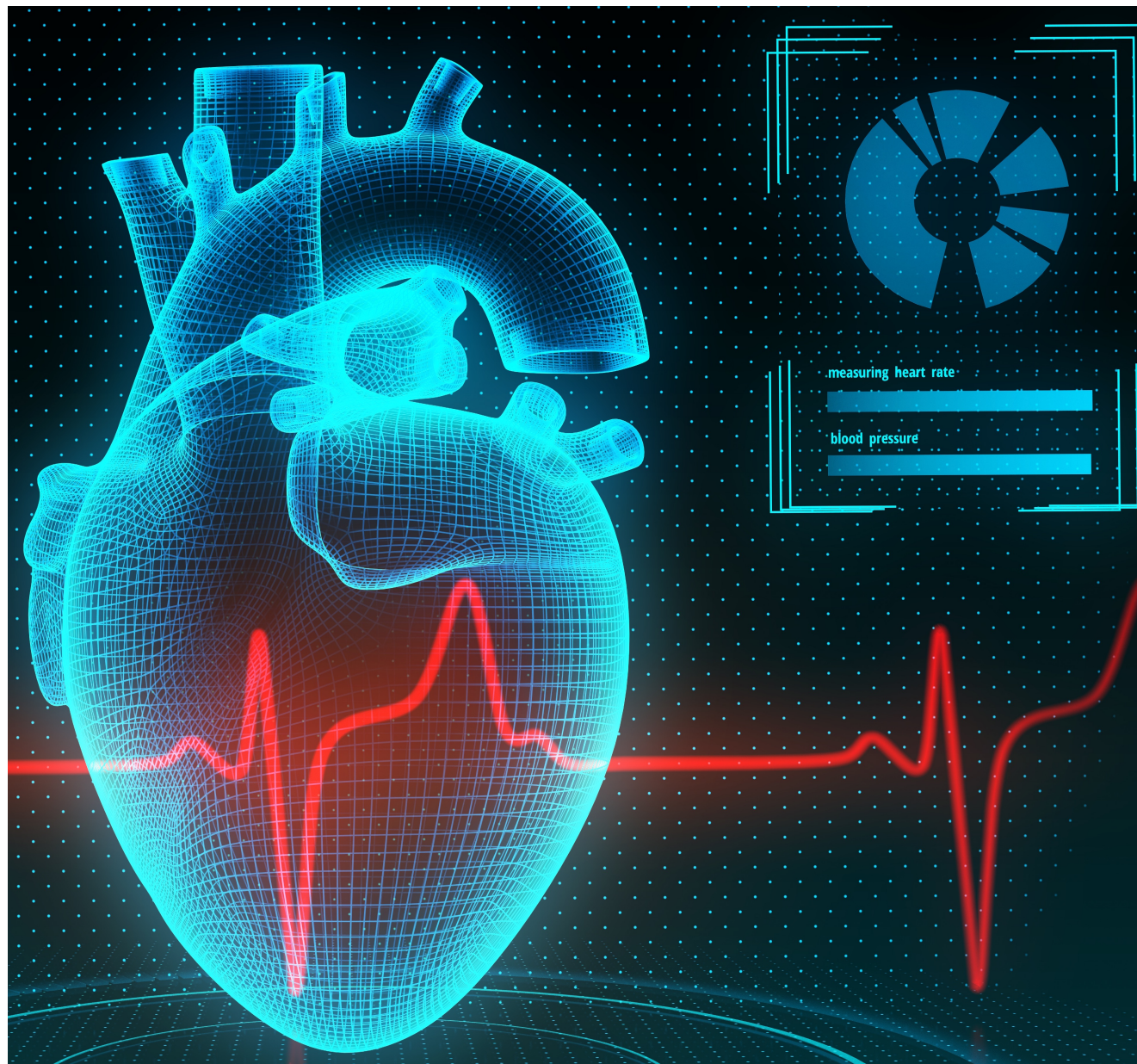
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NHMRC “Synergy Grants
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investigators to work together
to answer major questions
that cannot be answered by a
single investigator”

NHMRC Synergy Grant 2020-2025



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A HEALTHY
AUSTRALIA



Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to begin by acknowledging and paying respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet all around Australia

As we share our own knowledge, teaching, learning and research practices we also pay respect to the knowledge embedded forever within the Aboriginal Custodianship of Country





The Team

SOLVE CHD



Our Partners & Collaborators

SOLVE CHD Key Activity Areas

Transformative Data & Quality

- National CR Data Capture
- First formal affiliate of National Cardiac Registry

Capacity Building

- 6 x ECRs, 5 MPhil/PhD (NSW, VIC, WA, ACT)
- Funded 52 ICCPR (18 countries) certification scholarships from 18 countries
- 22 ACRA ASM Travel Scholarships & EMCR Research Prize
- Video Competition/Grant Writing workshop/Consumer Workshop

Secondary Prevention and Cardiac Rehabilitation Network

- 350+members
(50+ institutions)





SOLVE CHD Research Impact so far



New leveraged research
income **\$15M+**



Publications
156



1332 Citations from **150** countries



SOLVE CHD New Research - Projects

1. National Data Capture Project
2. MyHeartMate (Gamification RCT)
3. QUEL (Primary Care QI RCT, NHMRC)
4. SPAN (NHFA Secondary Prevention Strategic Grant)
5. INTERCEPT – Digital app (Europe)
6. Economic evaluation of different models of care in CR
7. TEACH-RA study
8. QUICR (data-driven QI cRCT, MRFF)
9. Heart2Heart (peer support RCT, MRFF)
10. HeartPath+ (consumer-focussed improvement, MRFF)
11. MeasureIt! (cardiac rehab assessment, MRFF)

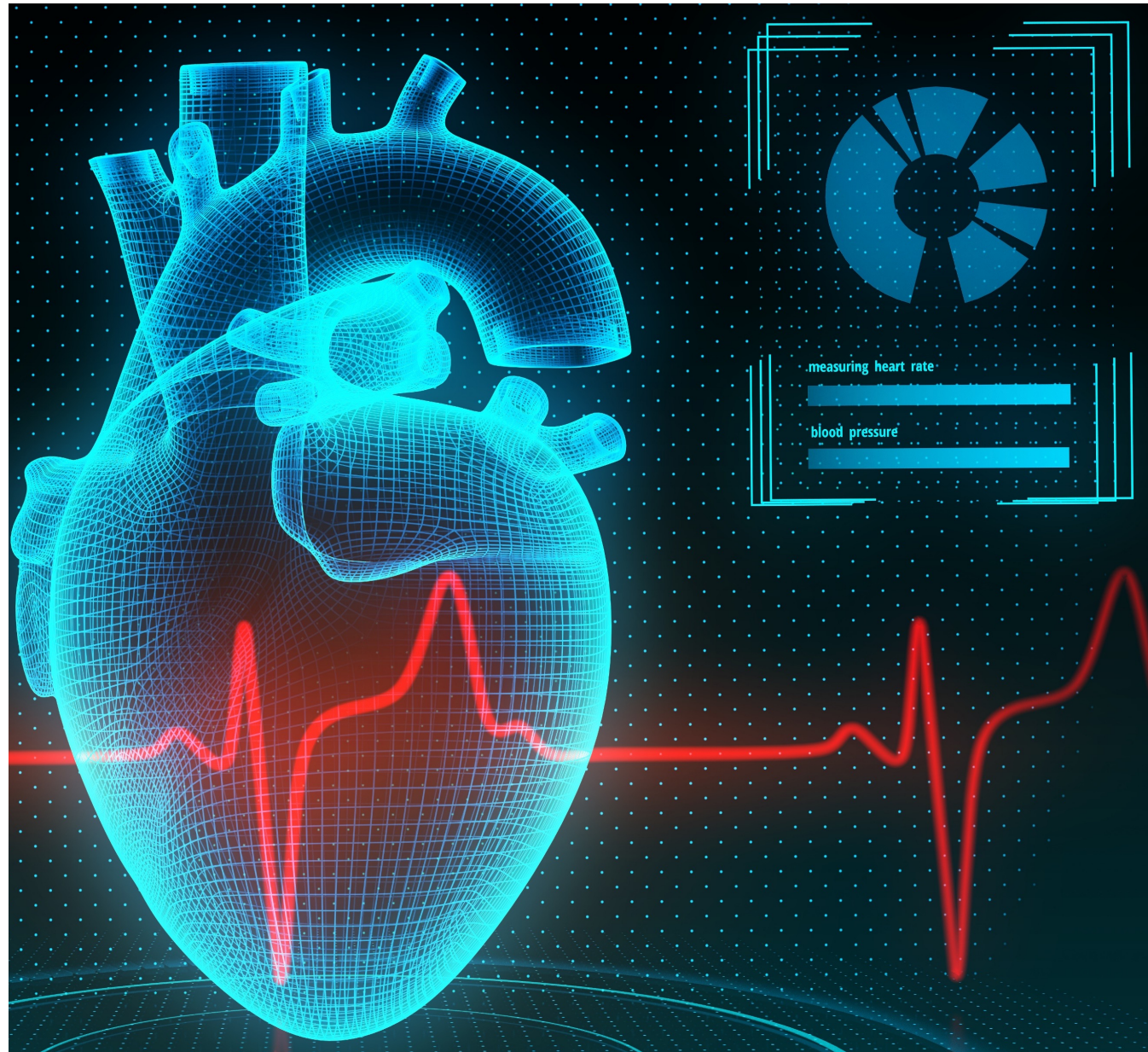
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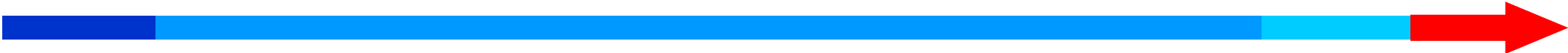
And many more you will be
hearing about next!

Niamh Chapman
**‘Understanding people and
service needs to improve
blood pressure management’**

Improving person-centred,
value-based care
approaches to prevent
cardiovascular disease



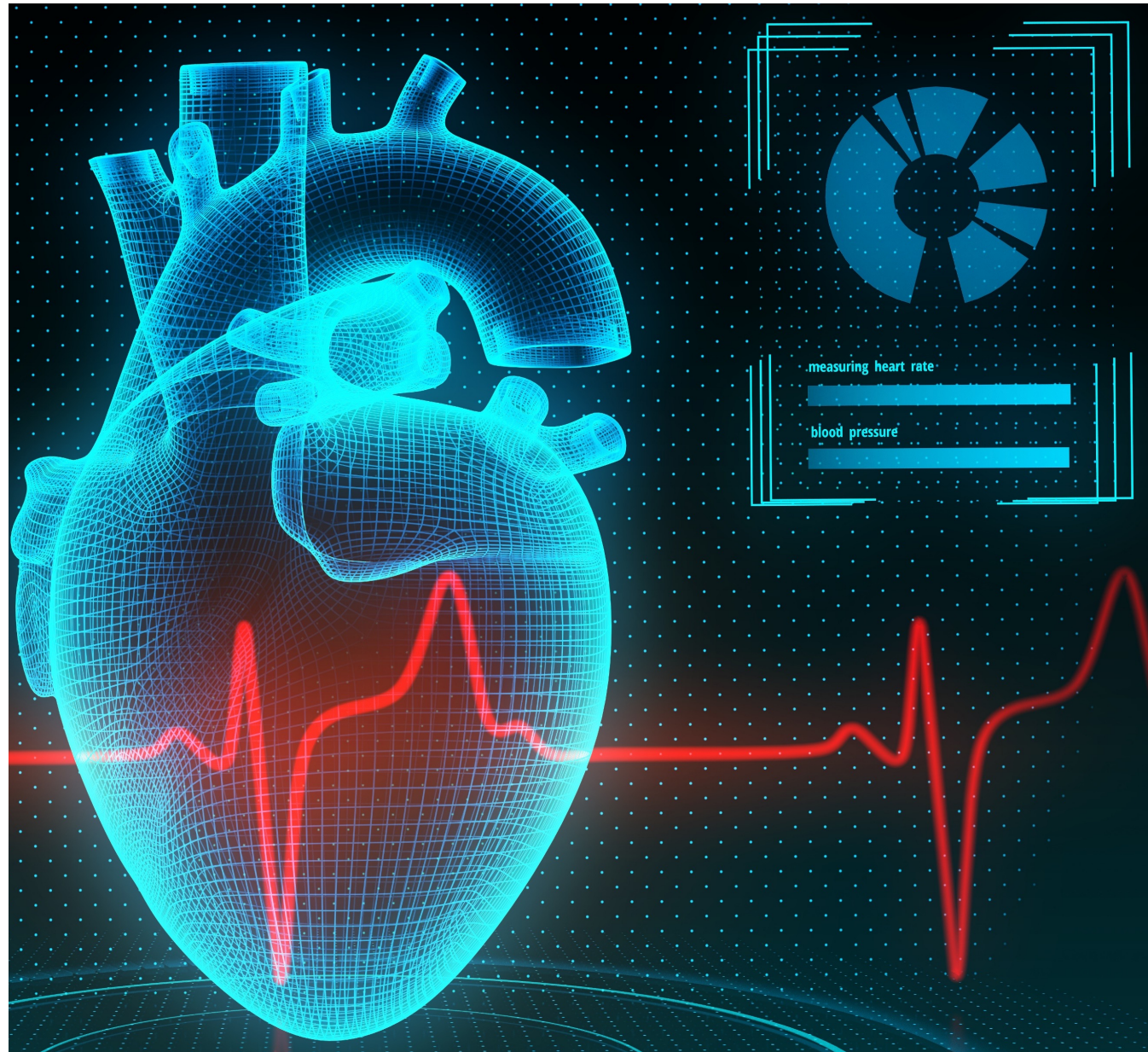
Understanding people and service needs to improve blood pressure management

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- Aim:** To determine areas of unmet need and identify opportunities in blood pressure management in primary care.
- Study Design:** Mixed-methods research study, surveys and interviews among primary care providers.
- Participants:** 1) survey via peak bodies to GPs (n=200), nurses (n=120) and pharmacists (n=120) involved in blood pressure management in primary care.
2) GPs (n=30), nurses (n=20), pharmacists (n=30) and primary health networks (n=10) involved in blood pressure management in primary care.
- Status:** Protocol development, ethics submissions, start first half 2024
- Team:** Niamh Chapman, Ellie Clapham, Dean Picone, new team members (yay!), James Sharman, Alta Schutte.
- Collaboration Opportunities:** Open to discussions with anyone who is interested!

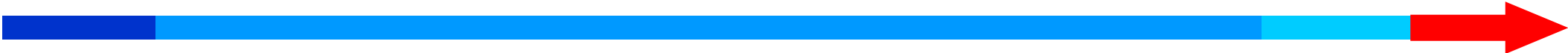
Dean Picone

**Appropriateness and accuracy
of home blood pressure
devices used by Australians**

Improving the accurate
identification of the leading
modifiable risk factor for
heart disease

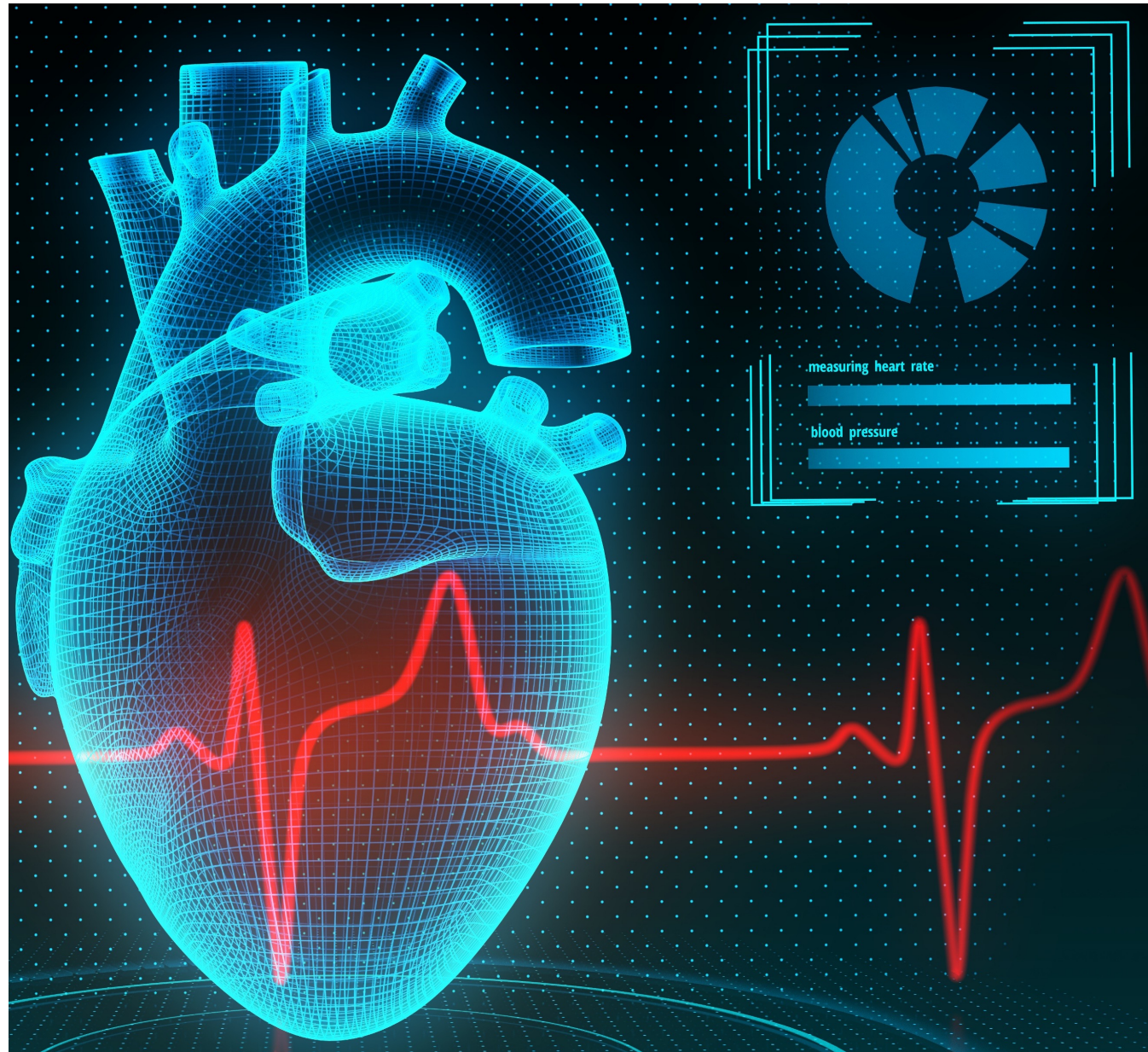


Appropriateness and accuracy of home blood pressure devices used by Australians

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- Aim:** To determine the appropriateness and accuracy of blood pressure devices used by people to measure their blood pressure at home
- Study Design:** Cross-sectional clinical research study, assessment of device through static and clinical accuracy testing, appropriateness for classification of blood pressure compared to ambulatory blood pressure measurement
- Participants:** 1) People who measure blood pressure at home (n=85 minimum) that are ≥ 18 years of age.
2) Pregnant women who measure blood pressure at home (n=45)
Exclusions: Atrial fibrillation, severe aortic stenosis, other conditions causing major hemodynamic instability
- Status:** Protocol development, ethics submissions, start first half 2024
- Team:** Dean Picone, Niamh Chapman, new team members (yay!),
- Collaboration Opportunities:** Open to discussions with anyone who is interested!

Early Secondary Prevention Education for Patients with ACS

Tiffany Ellis
PhD Candidate,
University of Sydney



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Research Focus and Alignment with SOLVE-CHD:

- People hospitalized with Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Effective secondary prevention education and planning prior to discharge from hospital
- Digital and other strategies to improve information and education delivery

Supervisors: Julie Redfern, Sonia Cheng & Robert Zecchin



Current Projects

Ellis et al., BMJ Open 2023



Systematic Review: Early Education Interventions Addressing Secondary Prevention in People Hospitalised with CHD

Screening Commenced



RCT: Effect of an Avatar-based Discharge Education Application on Knowledge and Behaviour in People after ACS

Protocol Published.
Recruited 75% of target.

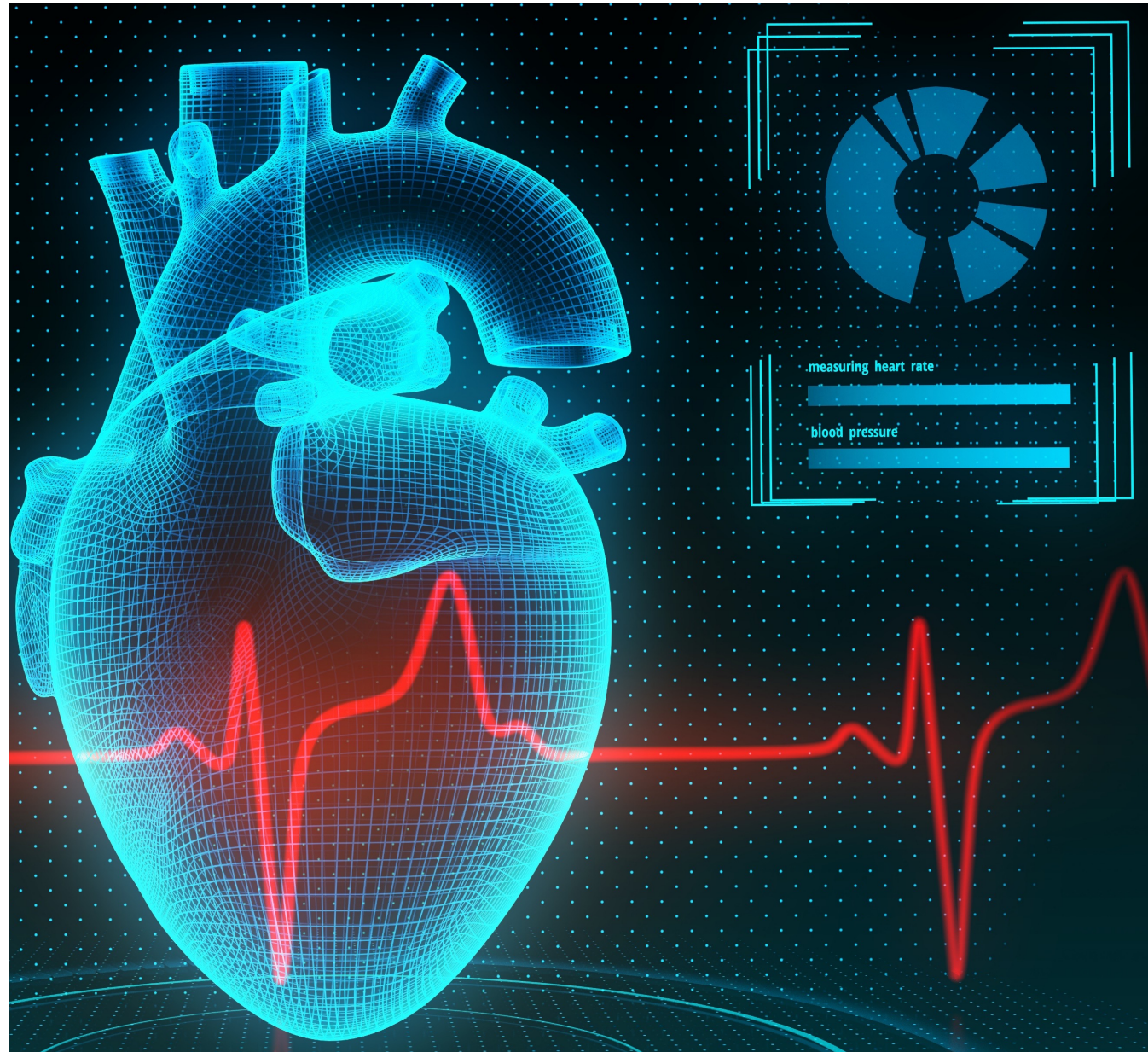


Perspectives on Secondary Prevention in the Early Phase of Recovery in People Hospitalised with ACS

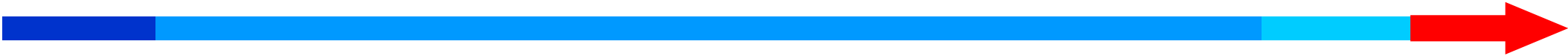
Recruitment
commenced.

Emily Li
Heart2Heart

- Testing of a digital peer support model for people with heart disease
- Multidisciplinary research (researchers, clinicians, software developers)
- Improve post-discharge secondary prevention



Peer support for people with heart disease (**Heart2Heart**)

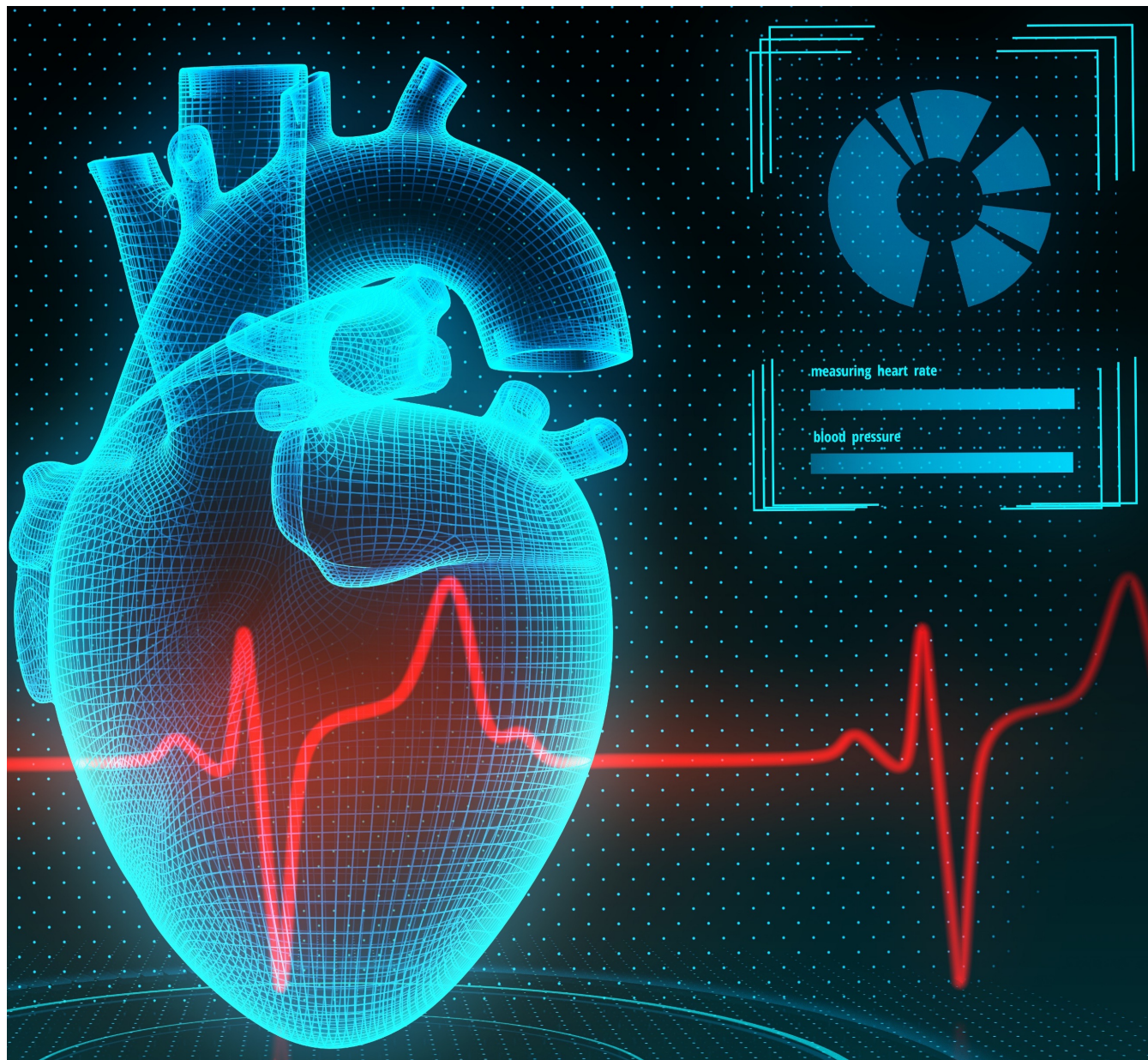
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- Aim:** Determine if a peer support program is feasible, reduce cardiovascular risk factors, and improves clinical and patient reported outcomes
- Study Design:** RCT, baseline, 6-months and 12-months follow-ups
- Participants:** CHD (n=1,200)
- Intervention:** 6-month digital peer support intervention
- Outcomes:** Self efficacy, physical activity, health service utilisation (MBS/PBS)
- Process Eval:** Barriers and enablers to implementation and application analytics
- Status:** Research design and outcomes to be finalised by the Steering Committee
- Team:** Julie Redfern, Emily Li, Robyn Gallagher, Karice Hyun, Joe Weddell
- Collaboration Opportunities:** Peer support organisations and AI company

Dr Sarah Gauci
At the Heart of the Matter

- Improving mental health following a heart event
- Co-design/Consumer led research
- Capacity building



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At the Heart of the Matter

- Aim:** To co-design an individualised lifestyle-based intervention tailored to patients' mental health needs following a coronary event.
- Study Design:** Qualitative workshops -Community-based participatory research
- Participants:** 15 Consumers with a lived experience of heart disease and mental ill health, carers and health care professionals
- Status:** Co-Design workshops to be held this month, applying for funding to develop the intervention and test the intervention in RCT
- Team:** Adrienne O'Neil, Susie Cartledge, Wolf Marx, Nikky Gordon, Andrea Driscoll, Julie Redfern, Tom Briffa, Robyn Gallagher
- Collaboration Opportunities:** Qualitative research, role of mental and cognitive health in secondary prevention

An avatar-based discharge education program for Mandarin-speaking heart attack patients

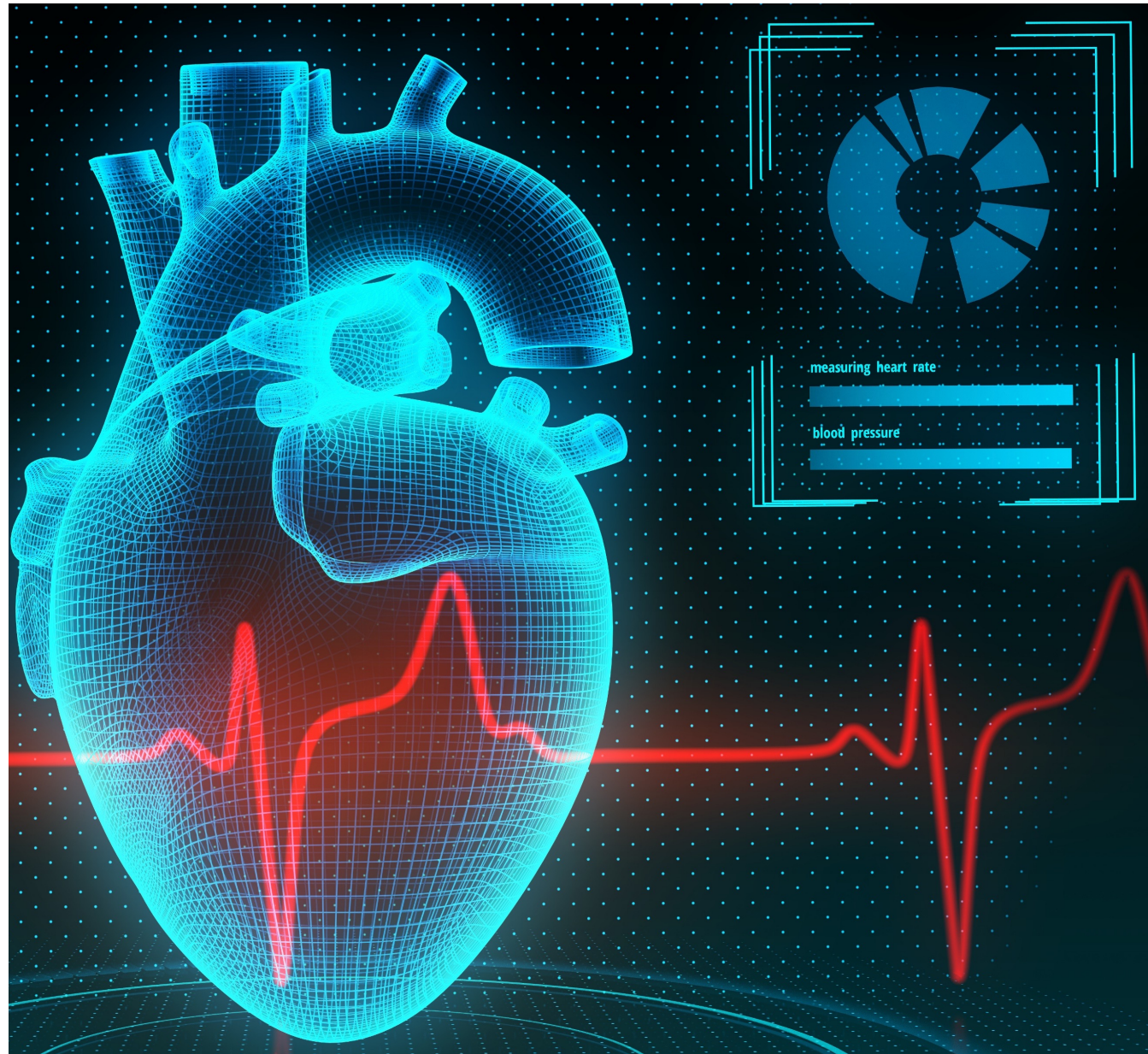
My vision: Provide accessible patient education program and improve heart health in under-served populations

Dr Ling Zhang

Funding sources: SOLVE-CHD, China Studies Centre, FMH USYD



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Co-adaptation of an avatar-based discharge education program for Mandarin-speaking heart attack patients



01

Storyboard was translated from the previously developed English storyboard

02

Storyboard was reviewed by consumers

03

Motion capture of avatar-nurse 安欣 was performed and prototype app developed

04

The prototype was tested by users and feedback collected

05

App refined and retested by the research team

Next step: Evaluation of the avatar-based virtual education program in Mandarin-speaking patients/families: randomised controlled trial

Aims:

- 1) To test the effectiveness of a co-adapted virtual education app in disease knowledge and awareness among Mandarin-speaking heart attack survivors and their families;
- 2) To identify barriers and enablers of implementation through process evaluation.

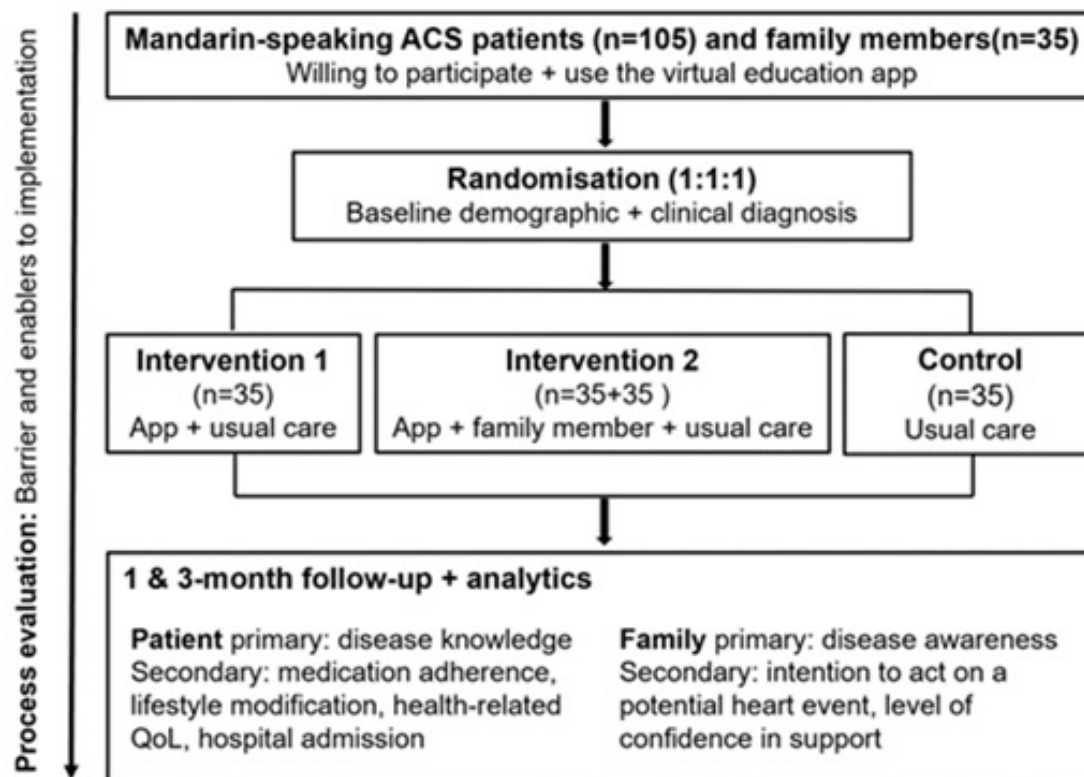


Figure 1. Project flow diagram

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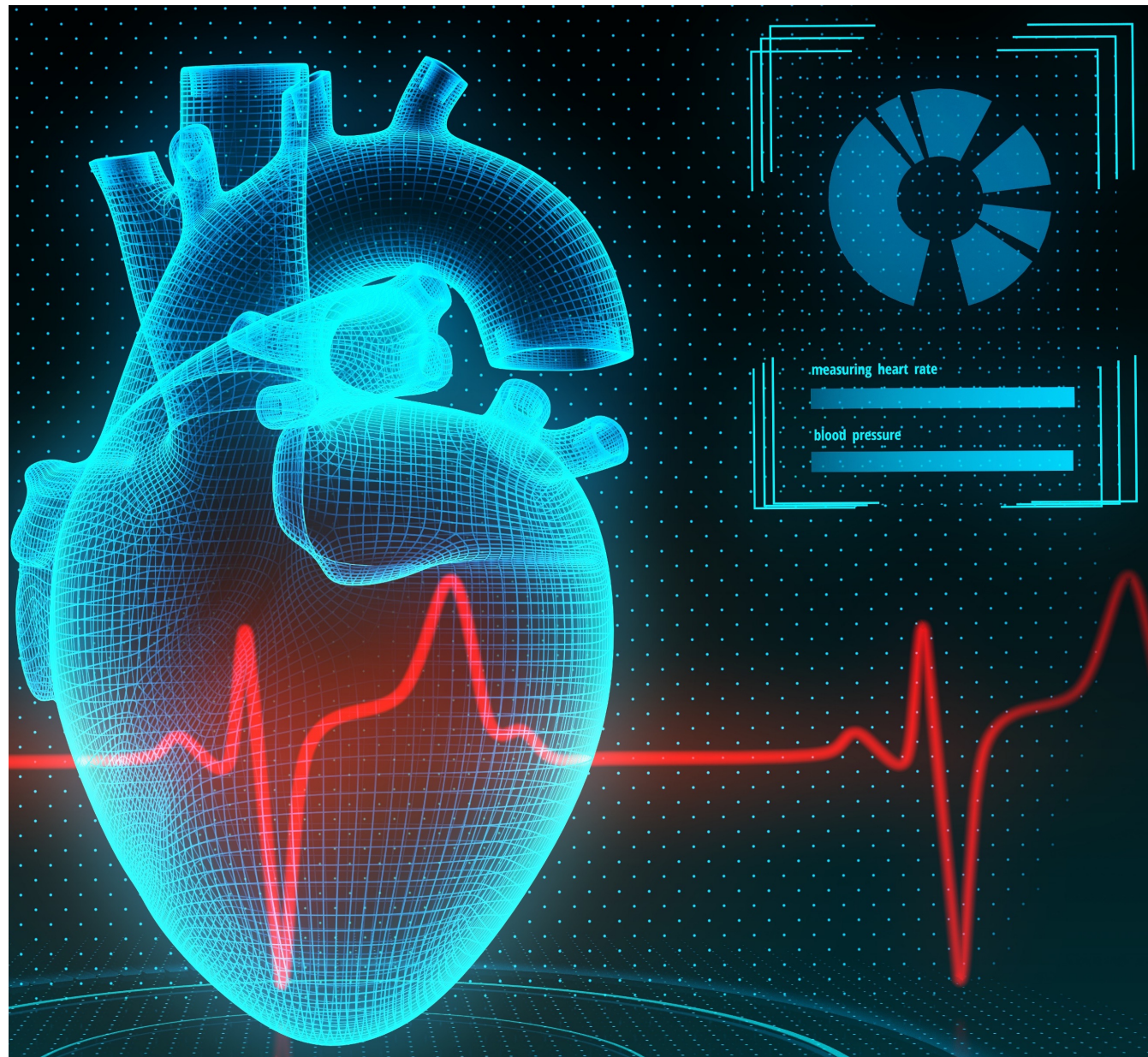
**‘Measure It!’ - A very brief
intervention for physical
activity behaviour change in
cardiac rehabilitation**

Alignment with SOLVE-CHD

- Optimise quality of cardiac rehab (investigate effectiveness & implementation of a PA intervention within CR)
- cultivate multidisciplinary research capacity, community engagement and future health services researcher leaders




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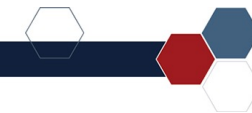


'Measure It!' - A very brief intervention for physical activity behaviour change in cardiac rehabilitation

Research questions:

1. Is very brief measurement of physical activity by cardiac rehabilitation clinicians on five occasions over 24-weeks more effective than two physical activity measurements in improving physical activity levels in insufficiently active adults with CHD?
2. What are the potential factors that can be leveraged to promote the implementation of this intervention, 'Measure It!', in cardiac rehabilitation programs and the secondary care setting?

Study Design:	Type 1 hybrid effectiveness-implementation study using a 2-arm multi-centre (n=5) assessor-blind randomised trial design
Participants:	190 insufficiently active cardiac rehab attendees with CHD
Intervention:	Measure It! very brief intervention (<5 min): 2 vs 5 Measure It! interventions over 6-months
Process Ev:	PhD student - Implementation and intervention fidelity; clinician, participant, stakeholder perspectives; cost
Status:	Recruitment (n=...) 
Team:	<p>Nicole Freene (UC), Steve McPhail (QUT), Zephania Tyack (QUT), Brea Kunstler (Monash) Theo Niyonsenga (UC), Richard Keegan (UC), Robyn Gallagher (USyd), Walter Abhayaratna (ANU), Christian Verdicchio (USyd), Rachel Davey (UC)</p> <p>Jess Seymour, PhD student Kacie Patterson, research assistant (ACT/NSW) Wendy Shi, research assistant (NSW) Nikky Gordon, ACRA rep Bob Stirling, consumer rep Sarah Bowen, CR coordinator rep</p>



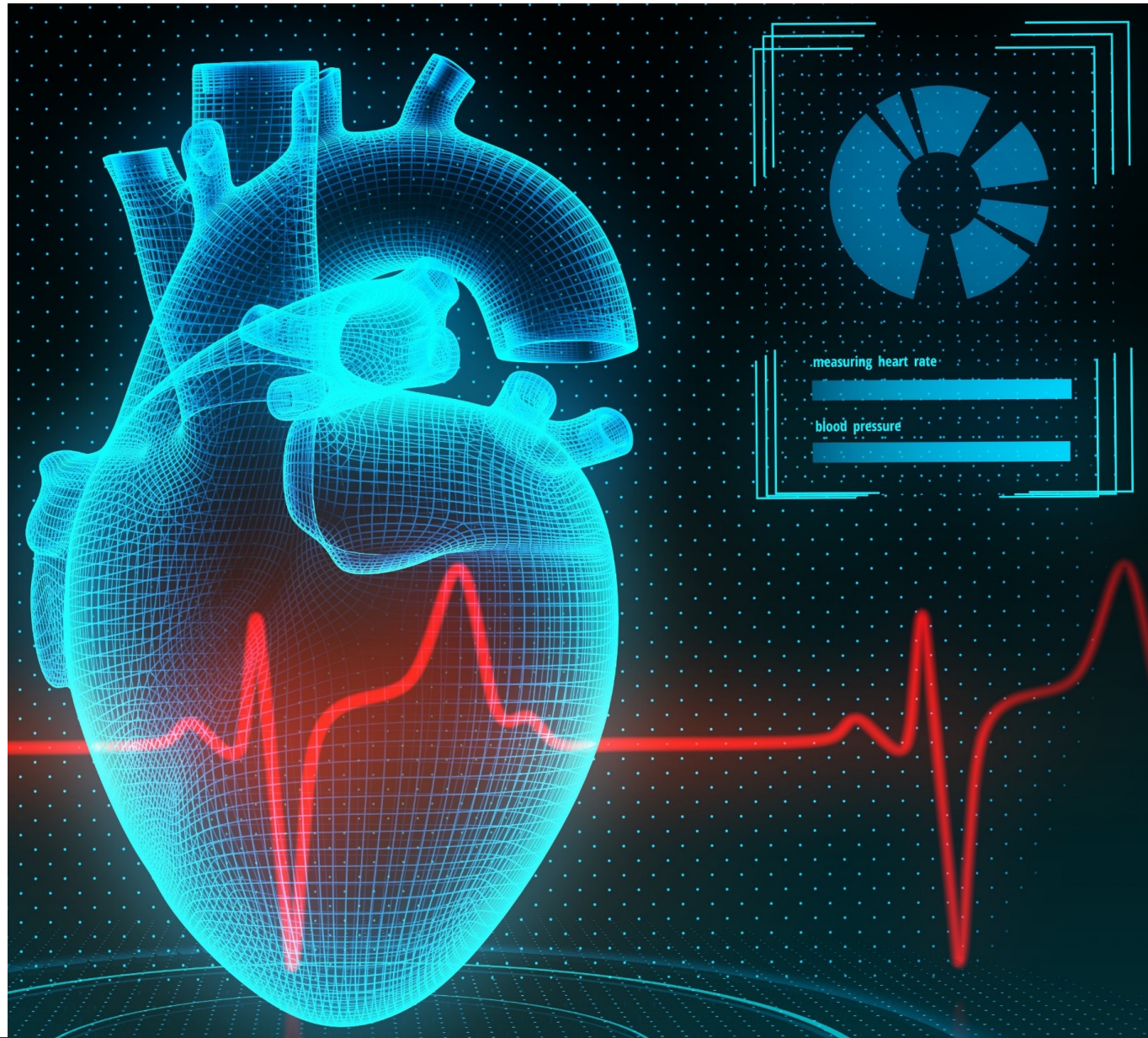
The effect of whole-body passive heating on cardio-respiratory function in young and older healthy adults

Miaojing (Mia) Wu

School of health sciences
Faculty of medicine and health
University of Sydney



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Problem: People with cardiovascular disease (CVD) have up to a 7 times increased risk of morbidity and mortality with hot weather and heat extremes. And people with respiratory conditions are more susceptible to heat-related illness and/or death.

Aim

To determine the work performed by the heart during passive heat stress.



Study design

Cardiac chamber size, systolic and diastolic function

Application of ultrasound

To explore the impact of heat stress on respiratory muscle effort sensation.



Relationship between respiratory muscle force production, and respiratory effort sensation

Participants:

Young healthy adults (18-40 y/o) VS healthy older adults (60-80 y/o)

Intervention:

Participants will don a tubed lined suit covering the whole body except for the head, hands and feet, through which water will flow at different temperatures.

Team:

Julie Redfern, Troy Cross, Kazuaki Negishi, Georgia Chaseling

Status:

Ethics application being submitted within one month

Next stage and impact (alignment with SOLVE-CHD):

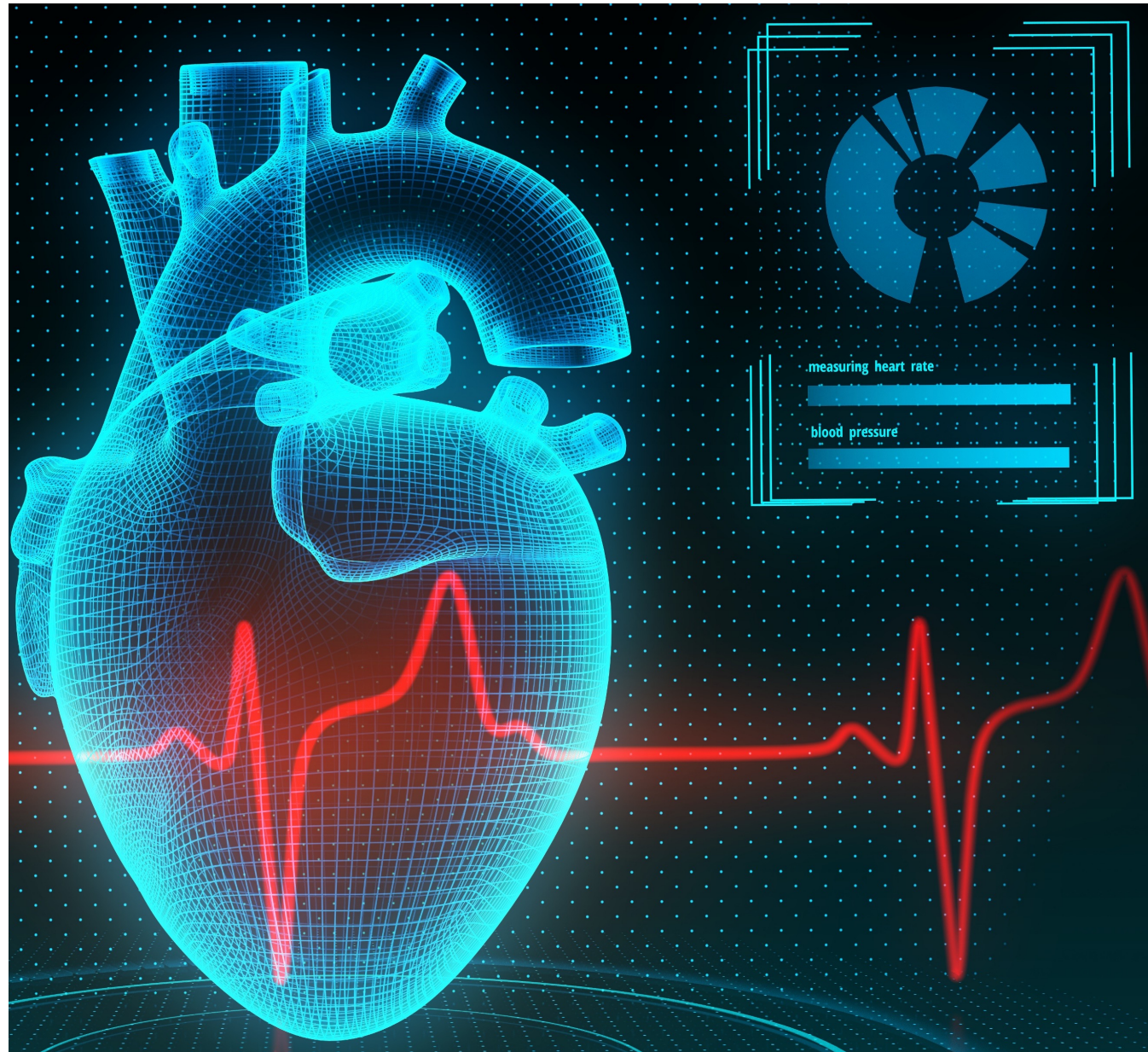
- Collect data on people with CVD
- Reduce the onset or worsening of CVD and respiratory conditions due to heat exposure

Joseph Weddell

**Cognitive and physical fatigue:
the experience and
consequences of 'brain fog'
after Spontaneous Coronary
Artery Dissection (SCAD)**



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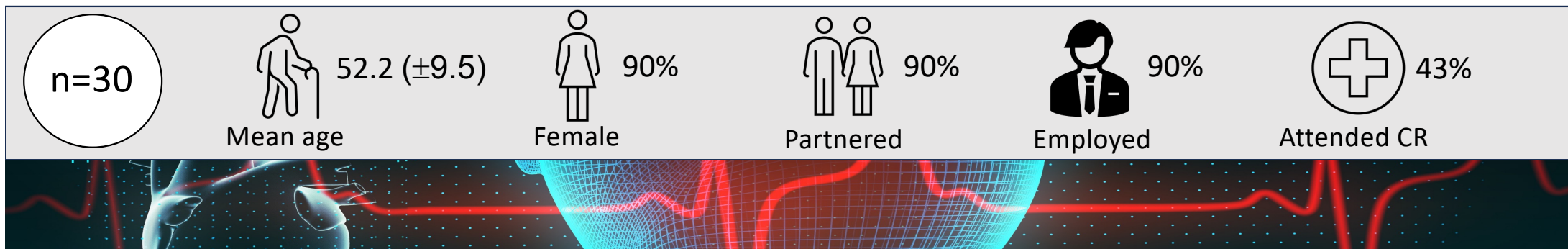


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Cognitive and physical fatigue: the experience and consequences of 'brain fog' after Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD).

Joseph Weddell, Michelle C. Rogerson, Robyn Gallagher, Stephanie Hesselton, Siiri E. Iismaa, Robert M. Graham, Alun C. Jackson, Julie Redfern, Thomas Buckley, Barbara M. Murphy

- Aims: to understand the experience, perceived causes and impacts of “brain fog” following SCAD, and explore the coping mechanisms used.
- Methods: subcomponent of broader qualitative study using semi-structured interviews. Seven 1.5 hour focus groups. Eligible if experienced SCAD event <12 months ago. Thematic analysis using iterative approach.



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How brain fog is experienced	<i>"I couldn't remember people's names. I literally didn't. It was like living in a fog."</i>
Memory lapses	
Difficulty concentrating	
Impaired judgement	
Perceived cause of brain fog	<i>"The other thing is, you know, the medications have an impact with brain fog. And I believe the fatigue is part of the beta blockers that sort of slow you down."</i>
Medication	
Sleep deprivation and tiredness	
Menopause and hormonal changes	
Impacts of brain fog	<i>"...I couldn't do a jigsaw. I didn't even want to look at a jigsaw. I think I was on the verge of depression. I was pretty sad. And annoyed."</i> <i>"That was seriously going through my mind, because I felt like I'm not giving my employer my best right now. And how long is it going to take before I can do my best again?"</i>
Rumination	
Changes in self-perception	
Disruption to hobbies and pastimes	
Limitations at work	
How people cope with brain fog	<i>"I couldn't get my head around that, so I've set an alarm for every time I've got to take my tablets."</i> <i>"she was pretty chatty, and people tend to tell me a lot about their stuff, I went, I'm actually really tired, like it was a bit overwhelming."</i> <i>"and you just don't have the energy to find out all that information, just when it is so unknown, to just have a little group like this is great."</i>
Reminders	
Setting expectations	
Being one's own advocate	
Making lifestyle adjustments	
Support from peers	

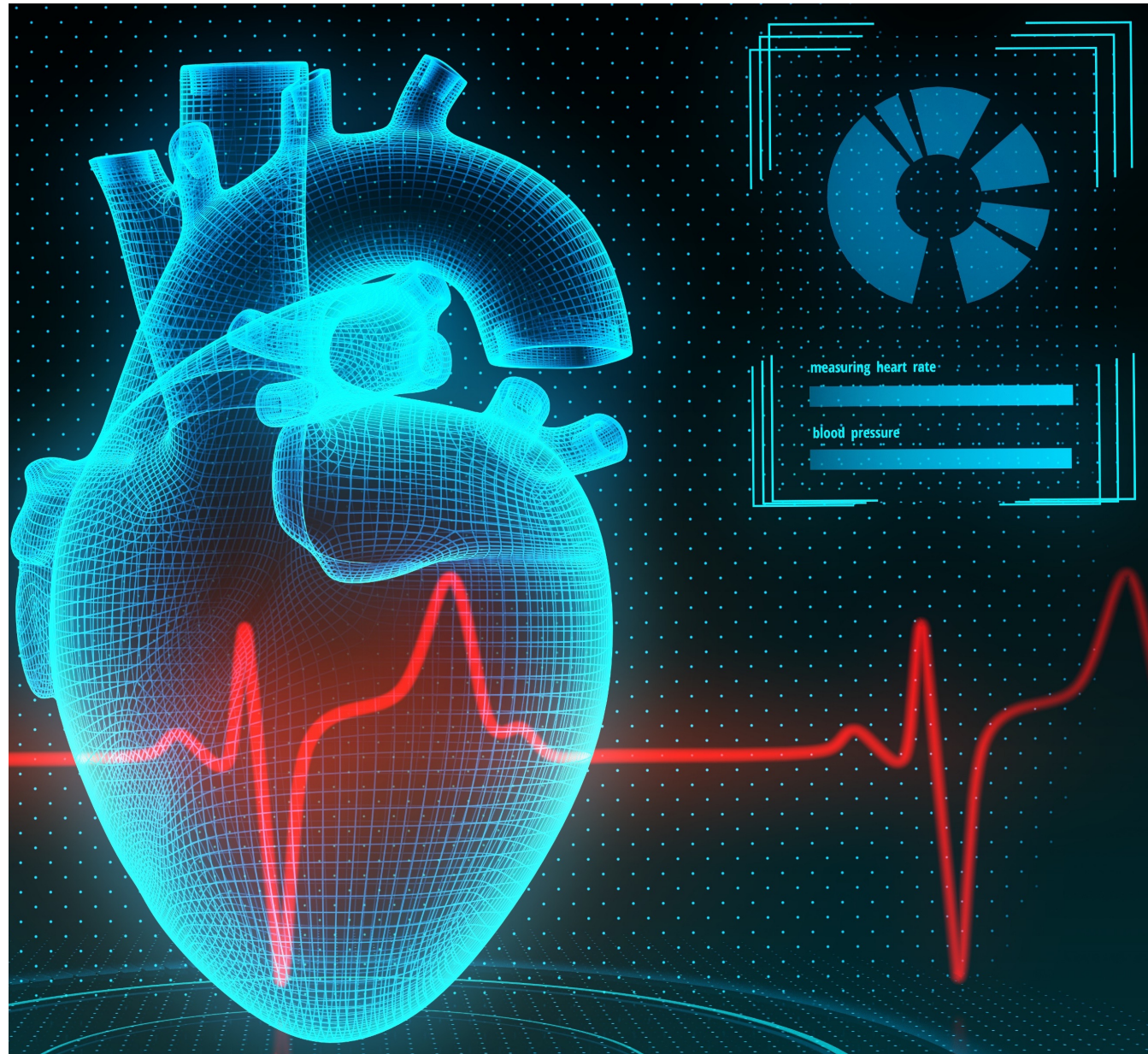
Robyn Gallagher

National survey of patient
data capture, management,
reporting practice in
Australian cardiac
rehabilitation programs

- Optimising collection of
service data to benchmark
and drive clinical practice
led-intervention



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How are cardiac rehab programs managing and using patient data?

Characteristic	Total (n=319)	
	n	(%)
<i>Patient data systems</i>		
Paper only	67	(21.0)
Paper and electronic system	200	(62.6)
Electronic system only	52	(16.3)
Multiple electronic systems	61	(19.1)
<i>Quality improvement systems</i>		
Quality Improvement ^a Platform	55	(17.2%)
Quality Improvement Worksheet	32	(10.0%)

Characteristic	Total (n=319)	
	n	(%)
Report to local manager	182	(57.0)
Inform quality improvement	179	(56.1)
Support for funding	138	(43.2)
Required reporting to jurisdiction/funder	133	(41.7)
Research projects	98	(30.7)
Patient care only	55	(17.2)

Table 5 Independent associates of cardiac rehabilitation programs using data for quality improvement

Characteristic	OR	(95% Confidence Interval)	P-value
<i>State</i>			
Victoria	0.243	(0.08–0.78)	0.017
New South Wales	0.246	(0.08–0.76)	0.015
Western Australia	0.164	(0.05–0.57)	0.005
South Australia	0.298	(0.08–1.15)	0.08
Queensland	0.437	(0.14–1.42)	0.168
<i>Enrolments</i>			
>200/year	3.83	(1.76–8.34)	0.001
51–200/year	1.67	(0.89–3.13)	0.111
<i>Location</i>			
Metropolitan	1.26	(0.71–2.24)	0.43
Regional centre	0.579	(0.22–1.54)	0.273

- 63% use paper forms

- 85% of those using electronic systems use multiple systems

- 56% use data for quality improvement

Using data for quality improvement

- Much less likely in states lacking state-wide e-systems
- Much more likely in high volume

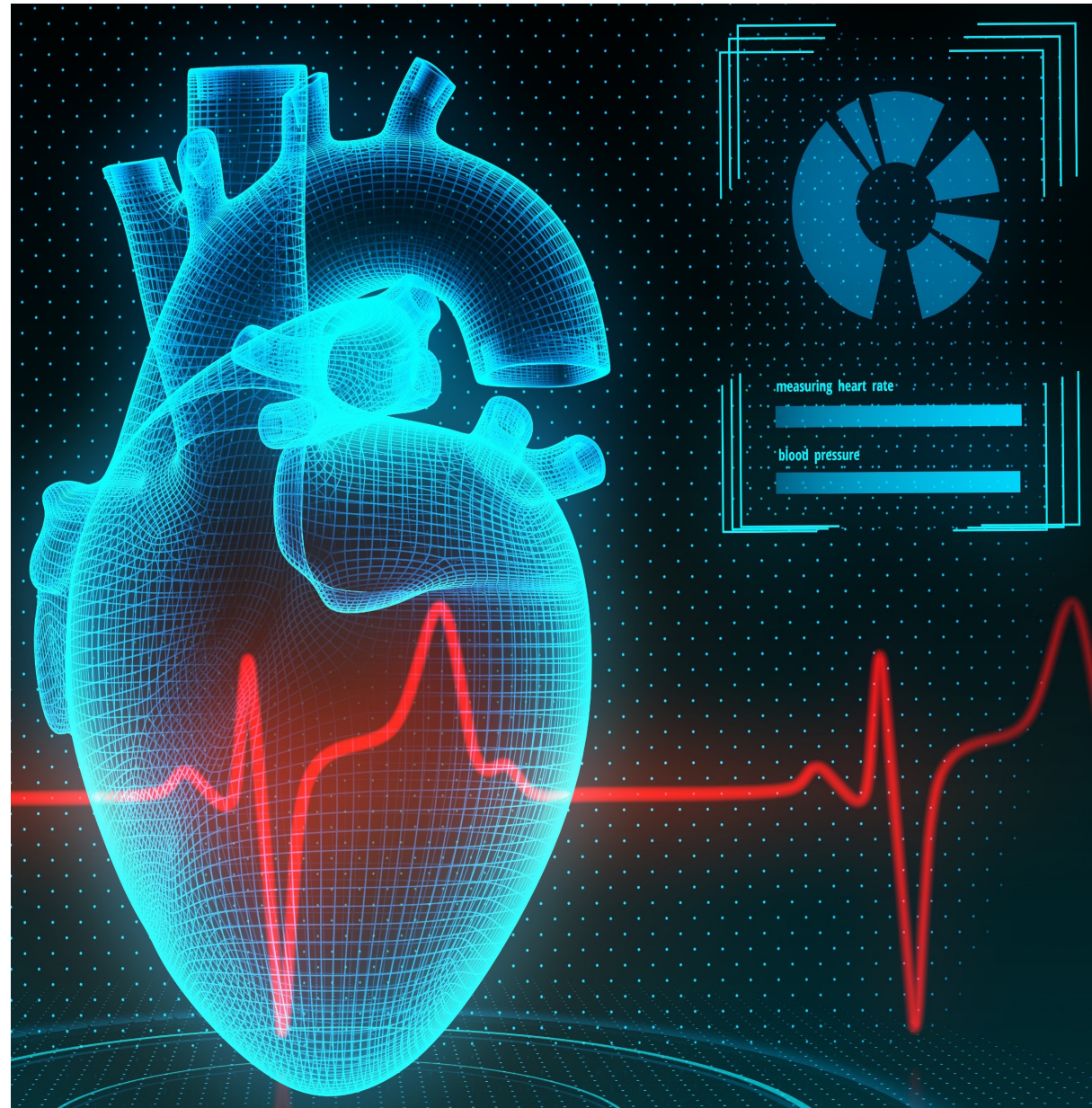
Cardiac rehabilitation in Western Sydney: Exploring 30 years of practice

Dr Matthew Hollings

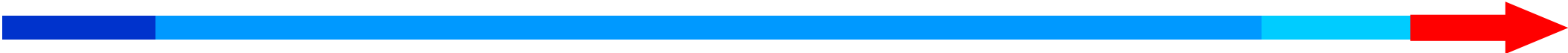
- *Collaboration with SOLVE-CHD affiliate Robert Zecchin, RN*
- *Largest and longest CR registry*
- *Culturally diverse region*
- *Rehab engagement and outcomes for different groups*



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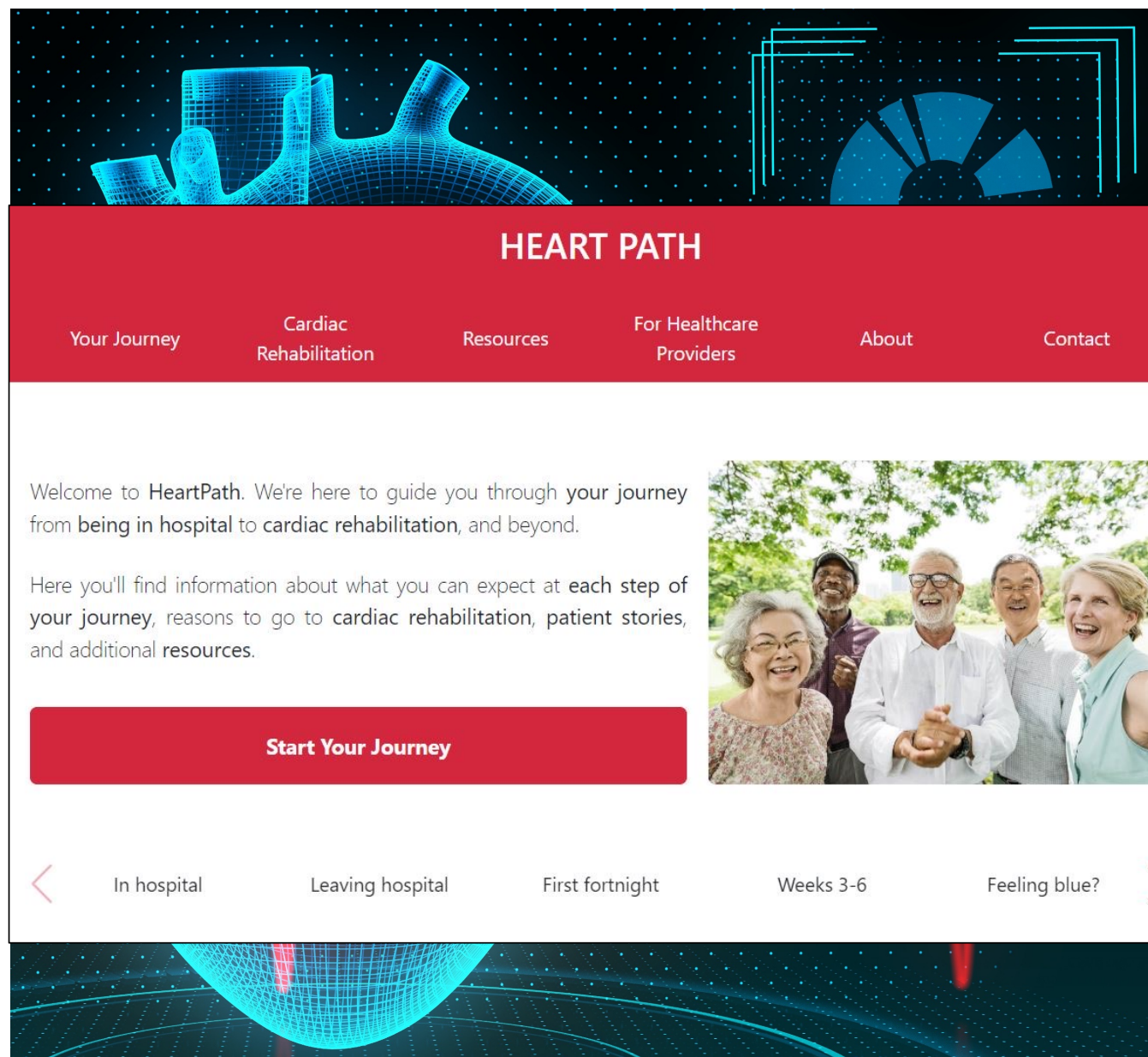
Cardiac rehabilitation in Western Sydney: Exploring 30 years of practice

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- Aim:** Evaluate differences in enrolment characteristics, participation and outcomes → sub-groups: age, sex, SES, ethnicity, diagnosis, etc.
 - Study Design:** Observational cohort study, 30-year cardiac rehabilitation registry
 - Participants:** >10,000 patients, broad CVD diagnoses
 - Variables/outcomes:** demographics, medical hx, mental health, functional capacity, QoL, anthrop
 - Funding:** SOLVE-CHD, NHMRC CRE – Better outcomes in CAD
 - Progress:** ☒ HREC, database cleaning and consolidation, CHeReL application
 - Research students:** 3 honours (2x exercise physiology, 1x health sciences), 2 HDR
 - Outputs (to date):** 1 manuscript [minor revs], >10 conference abstracts
 - Future plans:** temporal trends, fitness and mortality/MACE, ethnic diversity and outcomes
 - Collaborations:** Open to proposals – discuss with Rob Z and myself

Dr Susie Cartledge

HeartPath+

- Focus on transitions of care from
 - Hospital
 - Home
 - Cardiac rehabilitation
- Additional features
 - Target health literacy and self-efficacy
 - Targeting key risk factors of diet and mental health
 - Adapting resources for CALD populations



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HeartPath+: Targeting **health literacy** and **self-efficacy** through **patient education** to prevent recurrent events in Australians with heart disease

Primary Aim: Improve patients' ability to actively manage their health

Secondary outcomes: health literacy, self-efficacy, quality of life, CR attendance, cost

Study Design: 1) co-design 2) test through effectiveness/implementation study

Participants: 1) 30 participants 2) 160 heart disease inpatients

Intervention: co-designed website HeartPath+

Process Ev: Using the RE-AIM framework + qualitative data

Status: Commenced on November 1st

Team: Prof O'Neil, Prof Gallagher, Prof Redfern, Dr Gauci et al

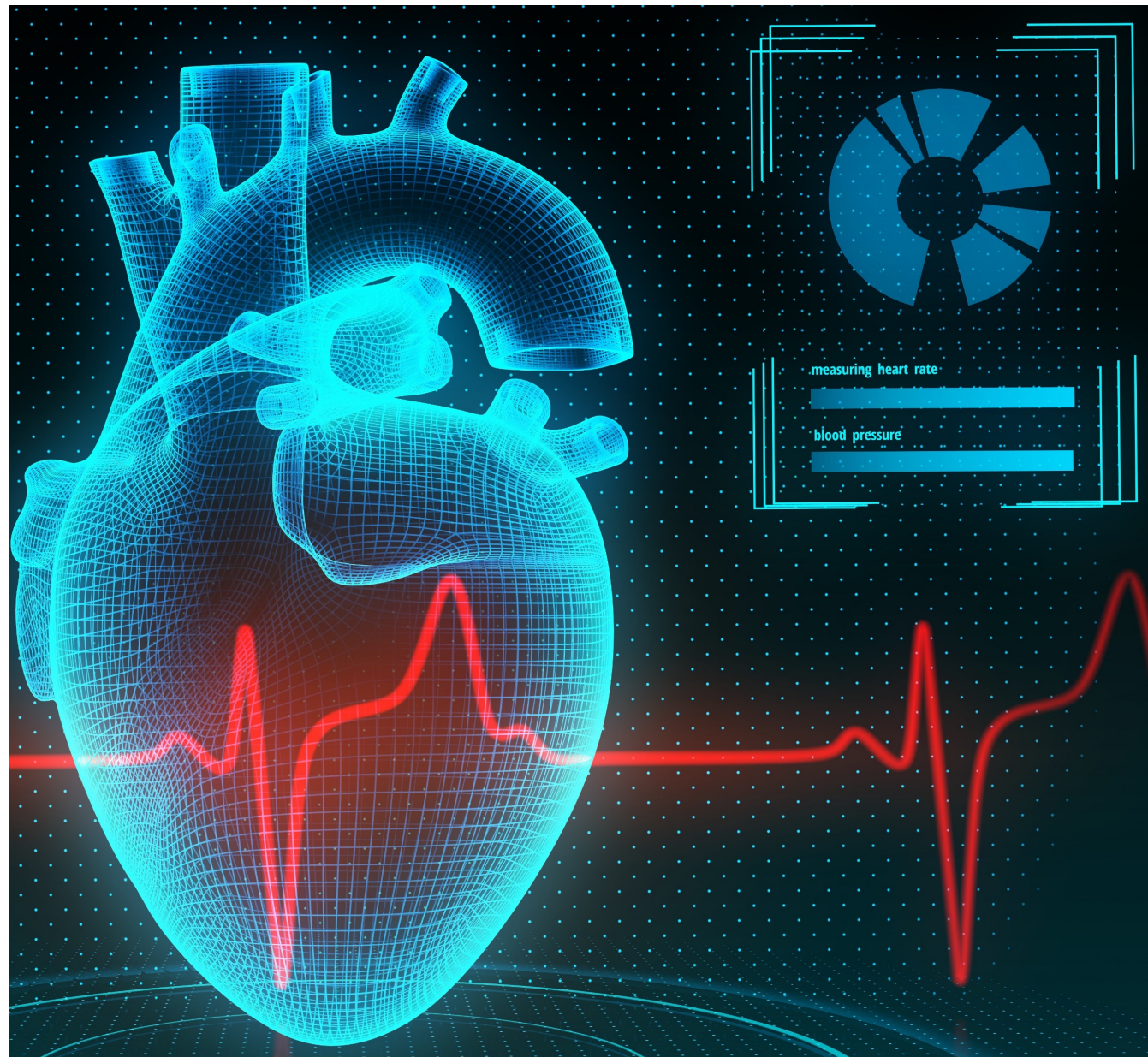
Collaboration Opportunities: consumers with heart disease, consumers with CALD
b/ground

Bridget Abell

*Is hybrid cardiac
rehabilitation value for
money?*



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Hybrid cardiac telerehabilitation for coronary artery disease in Australia: a cost-effectiveness analysis

Aim: To determine the long-term cost-effectiveness of a published hybrid cardiac telerehabilitation program in the Australian context

Study Design: Cost-utility analysis using a Markov model

Comparators: Telerehab III trial vs Usual care in Australia

Telerehab III : *For 24 weeks, the intervention group combined centre-based rehab with telerehabilitation*

Usual care in Australia: *Ten sessions of conventional centre-based cardiac rehabilitation*

Results: Telerehab III is highly unlikely to be cost-effective compared to the current practice in Australia.

Status: Manuscript published in BMC Health Services Research



Team: Sameera Senanayake, Bridget Abell, Sanjeewa Kularatna, Victoria McCreanor, Steven M. McPhail, Julie Redfern, Tom Briffa & William Parsonage

Collaboration Opportunities: Opportunity to embed collection of appropriate health service outcomes and costs into Australian trials to develop/evaluate cost-effective cardiac telerehabilitation models that suit our local healthcare landscape

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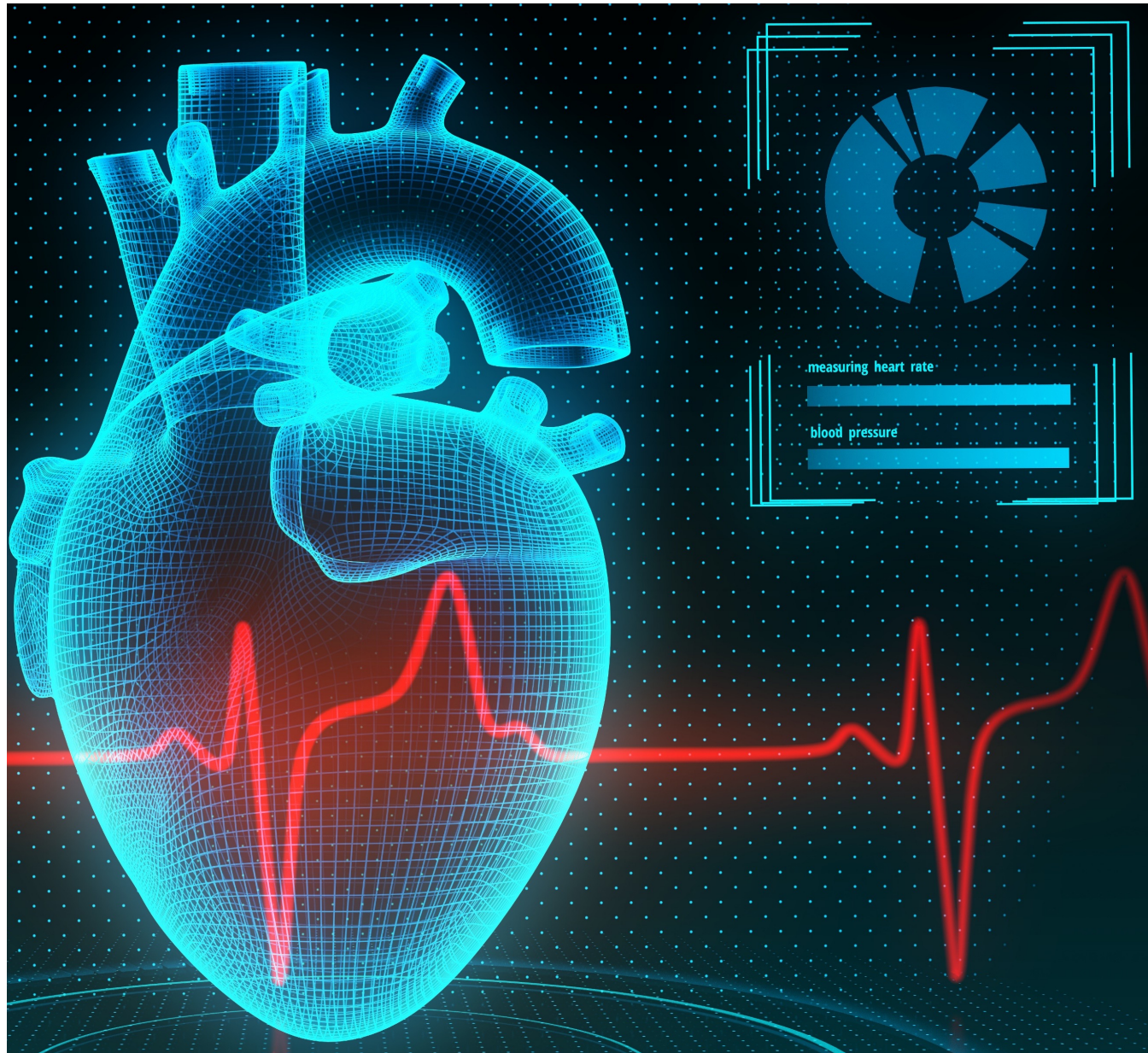
- Using digital health to improve secondary prevention in CHD patients
- Consumer engagement through co-design
- Building international collaborations



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What is Intercept²

A mobile Health app linked to a nurse portal and wearable technology to improve secondary prevention in CHD patients

Objective: Assess acceptability & usability of Intercept (I-App) among patients & health care professionals

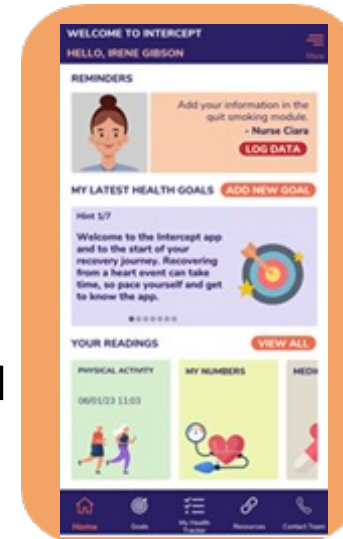
Methodology: Non-randomised feasibility study using a mixed methods process evaluation with 12 week follow-up

Outcomes: Will inform (a) further refinement of the intervention, and (b) to determine the feasibility of a definitive RCT

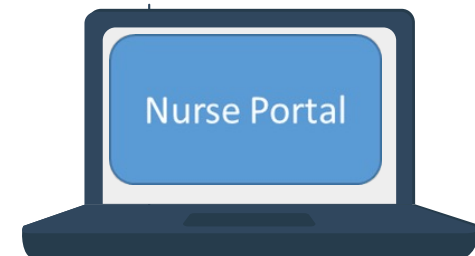
Status: Patient recruitment complete (n=40) and 12 week follow-up in progress

Team: David Wood, Catriona Jennings, Bill McEvoy, Irene Gibson

1) I-App



2) Portal-remote monitoring & communication



Fitness wearables & BP integration





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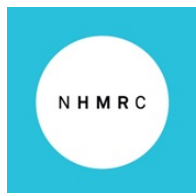


STUDY PROTOCOL

Using a digital health intervention “INTERCEPT” to improve secondary prevention in coronary heart disease (CHD) patients: protocol for a mixed methods non-randomised feasibility study [version 1; peer review: 1 approved]

Irene Gibson^{1,2}, Catriona Jennings^{1,2}, Lis Neubeck³, Marissa Corcoran^{1,2}, David Wood^{1,2}, Faisal Sharif¹, Lisa Hynes⁵, Andrew W Murphy⁶, Molly Byrne⁷, John William McEvoy^{1,2}

<https://hrbopenresearch.org/articles/6-43>



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Nashid Hafiz

QUality improvement in primary
care to prevent hospitalisations
and improve Effectiveness and
efficiency of care for people

Living with CHD

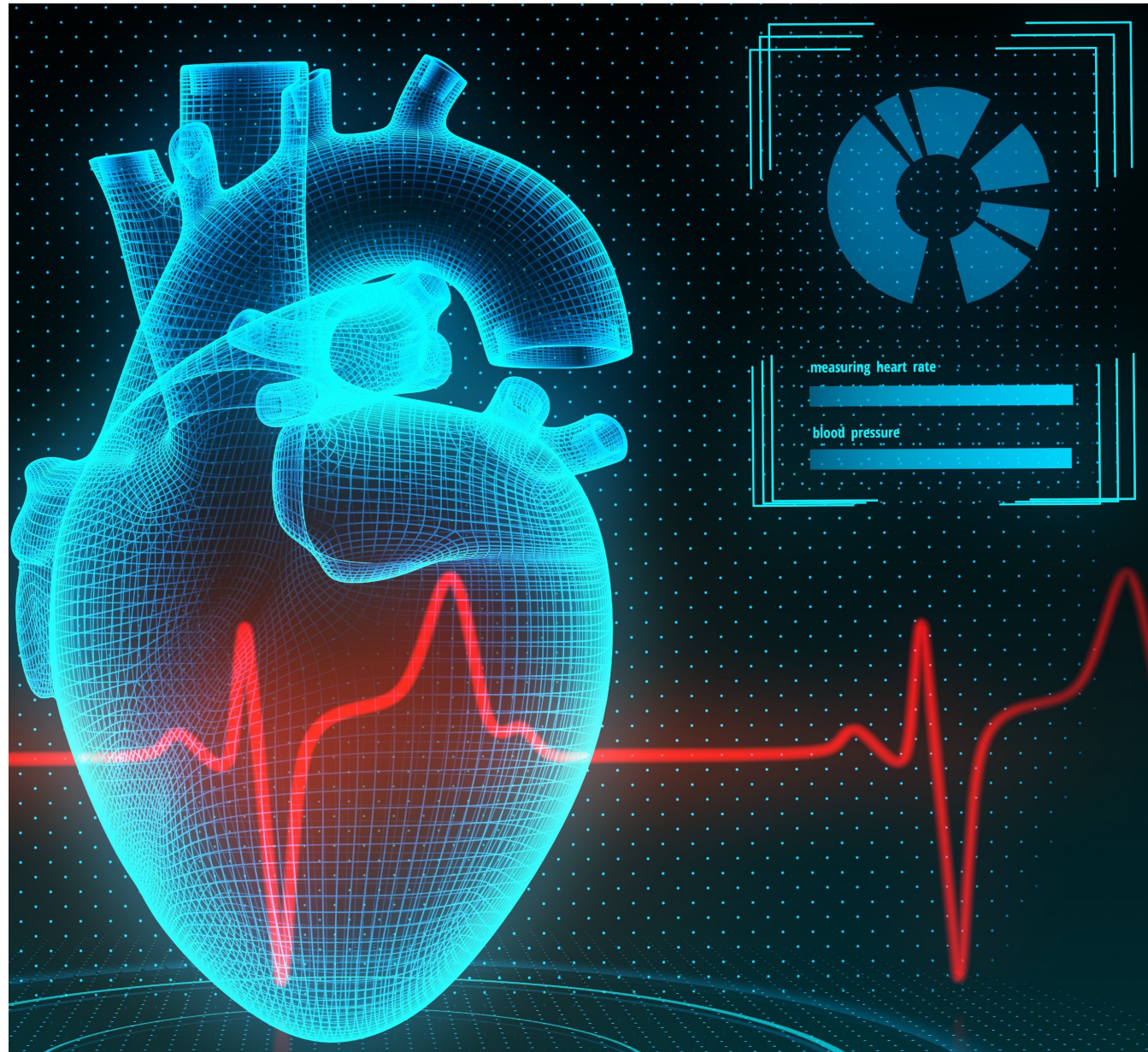


Alignment with SOLVE-CHD

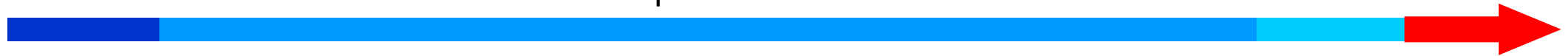
- Improving CHD care
- Integration of data and technology
- Capacity building



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Aim: Determine if a data-driven, practice-level quality improvement reduces CVD hospitalisations and events



Study Design	Cluster RCT, randomisation at practice level, 2-year follow-up
Participants	CHD (n=15,040) presenting at participating practices (n=52)
Intervention	A one-year practice level collaborative quality improvement program driven by practice data
Outcome	Unplanned hospitalisations, MACE, Prescription of guideline recommended medications, CDMPs, CVD Risk factors targets
Process evaluation	Implementation of the intervention; practice engagement, intervention delivery, clinician and practices' perspectives;
Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Published study protocol✓ Completed 12-month intervention✓ Extracted baseline, 12 and 24-month data of 15,040 patients from 51 general practices across NSW, VIC, QLD and SA✓ In the process of linking the hospital admission and emergency data with GP data✓ Process evaluation completed
Team	Prof Julie Redfern, Dr Karice Hyun, Dr Qiang Tu and Ms Nashid Hafiz

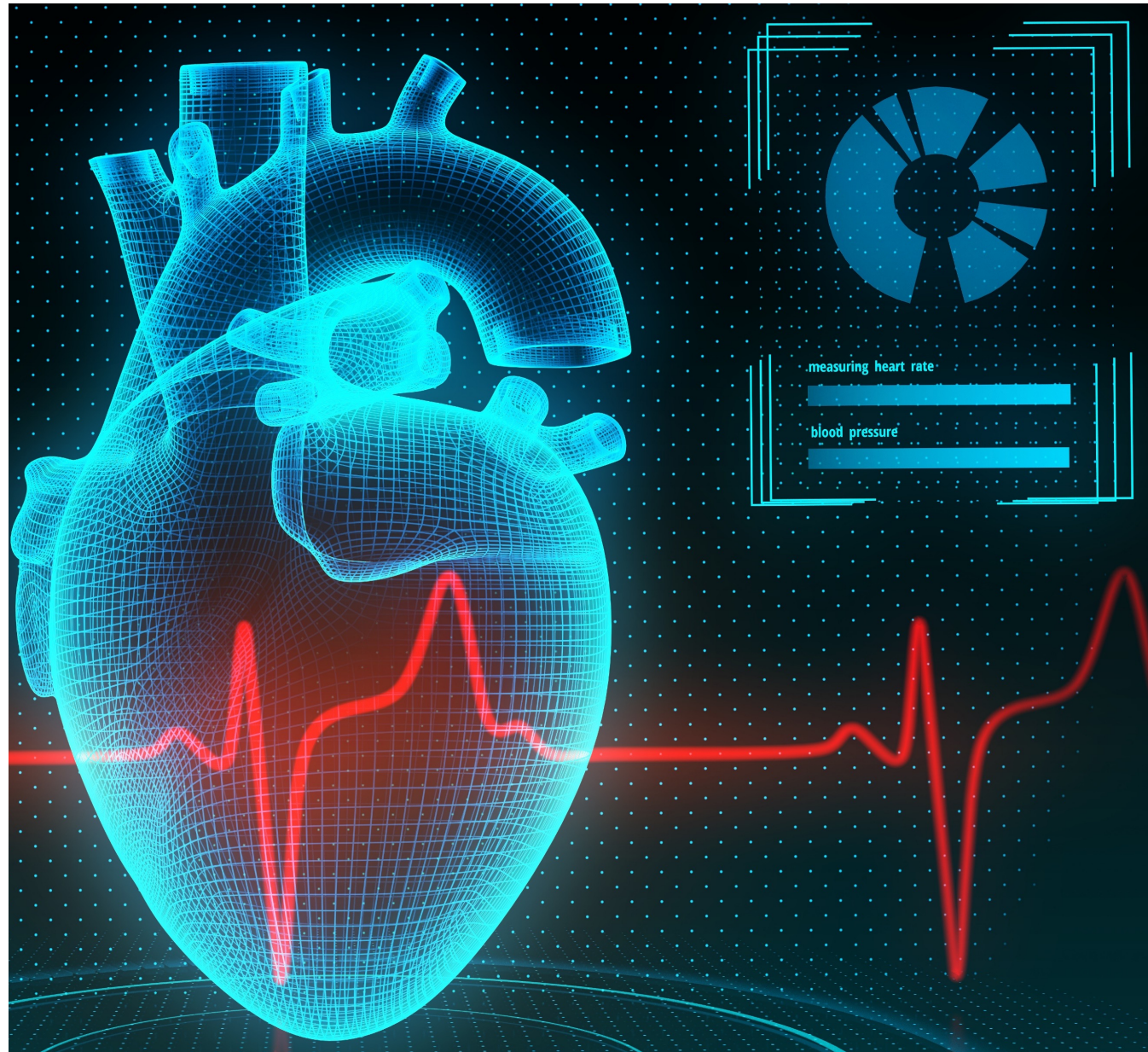
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Scientometric/Bibliometric
Mapping Review

Alignment with SOLVE-CHD:

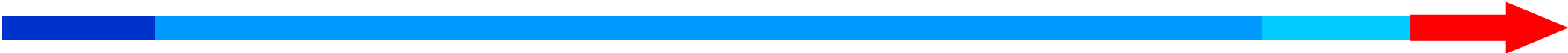
- Integrates data, technology, partnerships and capacity building



SOLVE CHD



Quantitative analysis and visualisation of cardiac rehabilitation literature



Aim:	To summarise publication patterns/impact within cardiac rehabilitation
Study Design:	Scientometric/bibliometric mapping review, using VOSviewer/CiteSpace
Data Source:	CINAHL, CENTRAL, Embase, Medline and Web of Science databases
Outcomes:	Number of publications over time, country of publications, patterns of collaboration between countries and authors, top and recent keywords, influential publications, number of citations and citing articles
Status:	Results being finalised– analysis tbc
Team:	Dr Qiang (Tony) Tu, Dr Karice Hyun, Prof Julie Redfern
Collaboration Opportunities:	Collaboration tbc

SPAN

Secondary Prevention for All
in Need after type 1 MI: a
comparative effectiveness
randomised trial

Prof. Tom Briffa



SOLVE CHD



SPAN Secundary Prevention for All in Need after type 1 MI: a comparative effectiveness randomised trial

BACKGROUND

- Testing usual care alternatives to generate unbiased, high quality evidence of the relative effectiveness of an existing treatment
- SPAN is a prospective, multi-site, single blinded (allocation concealment) comparative effectiveness trial of personalised rehabilitation versus outpatient rehabilitation
- Evaluating the primary endpoint of rehabilitation completion at a median of three months, and secondarily major adverse cardiovascular event (MACE) at 12 months

NOTABLE

- Granted an opt-out approach
- Recruitment commenced 20th October 2023 at Royal Perth Hospital (WA); with Concord Hospital (NSW) and Flinders Hospital (SA) scheduled to commence in Q1 2024. Other sites will be brought online as required



Reducing adverse events and improving quality of life of people with blocked leg arteries

Professor Jon Golledge

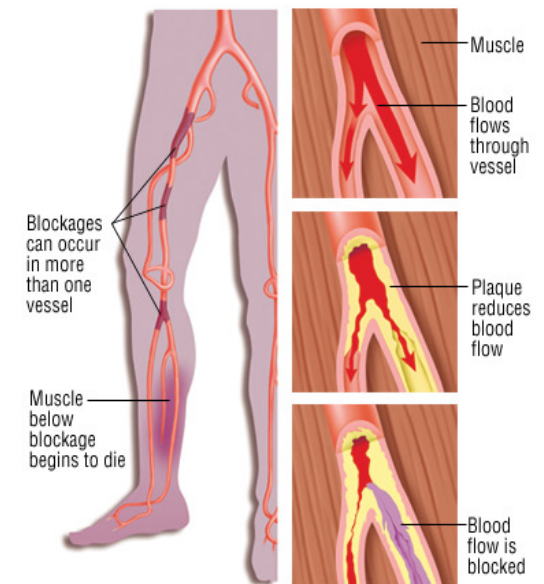


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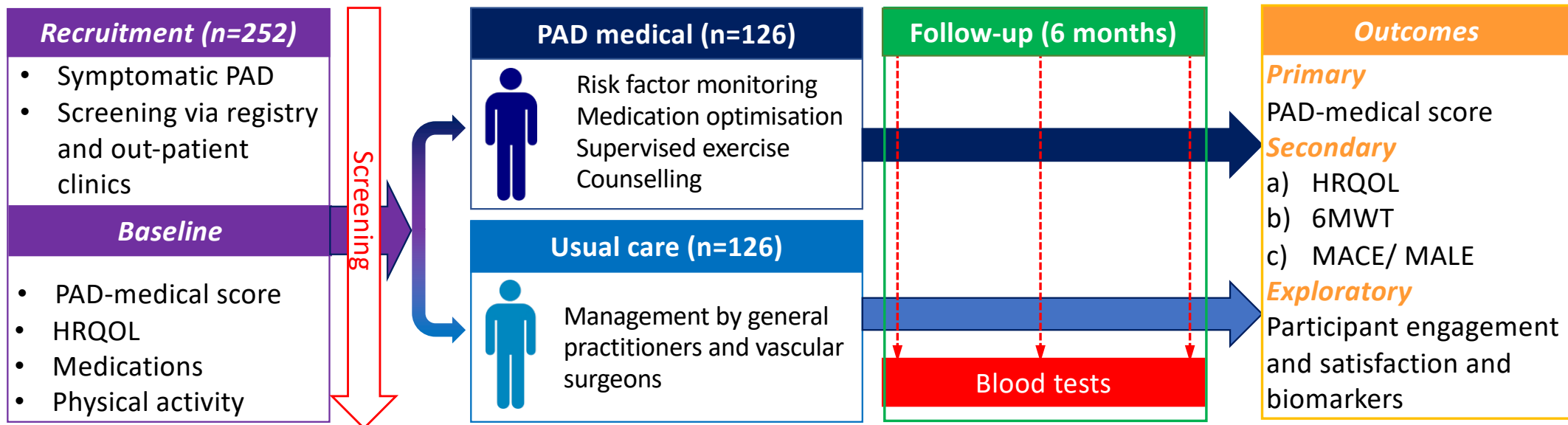
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- Delivered via telehealth
- Telehealth supervised exercise program
- Telehealth doctor consultations to optimise medications and SMuRFs (BP, LDL-C, HbA1c, smoking, PA/ exercise, anti-thrombotics)
- Counselling for smoking cessation
- Funding from the HEART FOUNDATION and MRFF



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OVERVIEW OF OPTIMAL



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OPTIMAL RECRUITMENT

Recruitment totals as of 27/10/2023

TUH	95		
RBWH	36		
Total	131	% of 246	53.25%

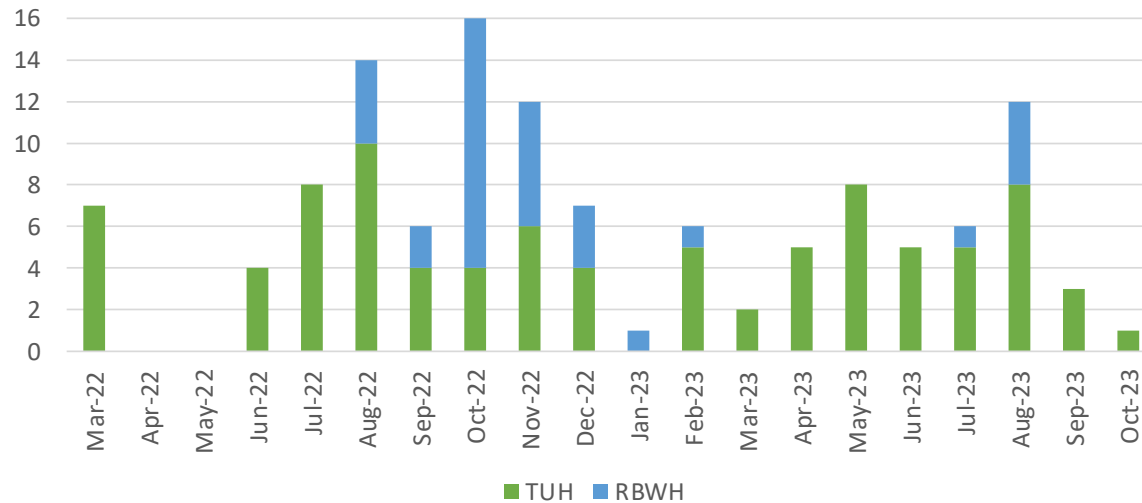
Remaining to recruit **115** (Target 246)

Study Completion as of 27/10/2023

TUH	50		
RBWH	27		
Total	77	% of 246	31.30%

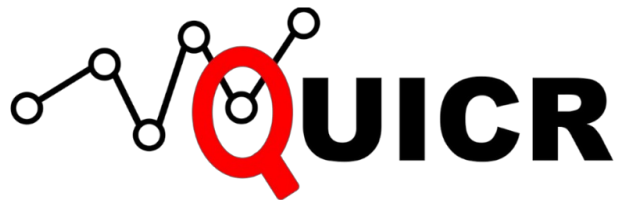
Remaining to complete **169** (Target 246)

OPTIMAL Recruitment (Monthly)



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Dr Dion Candelaria



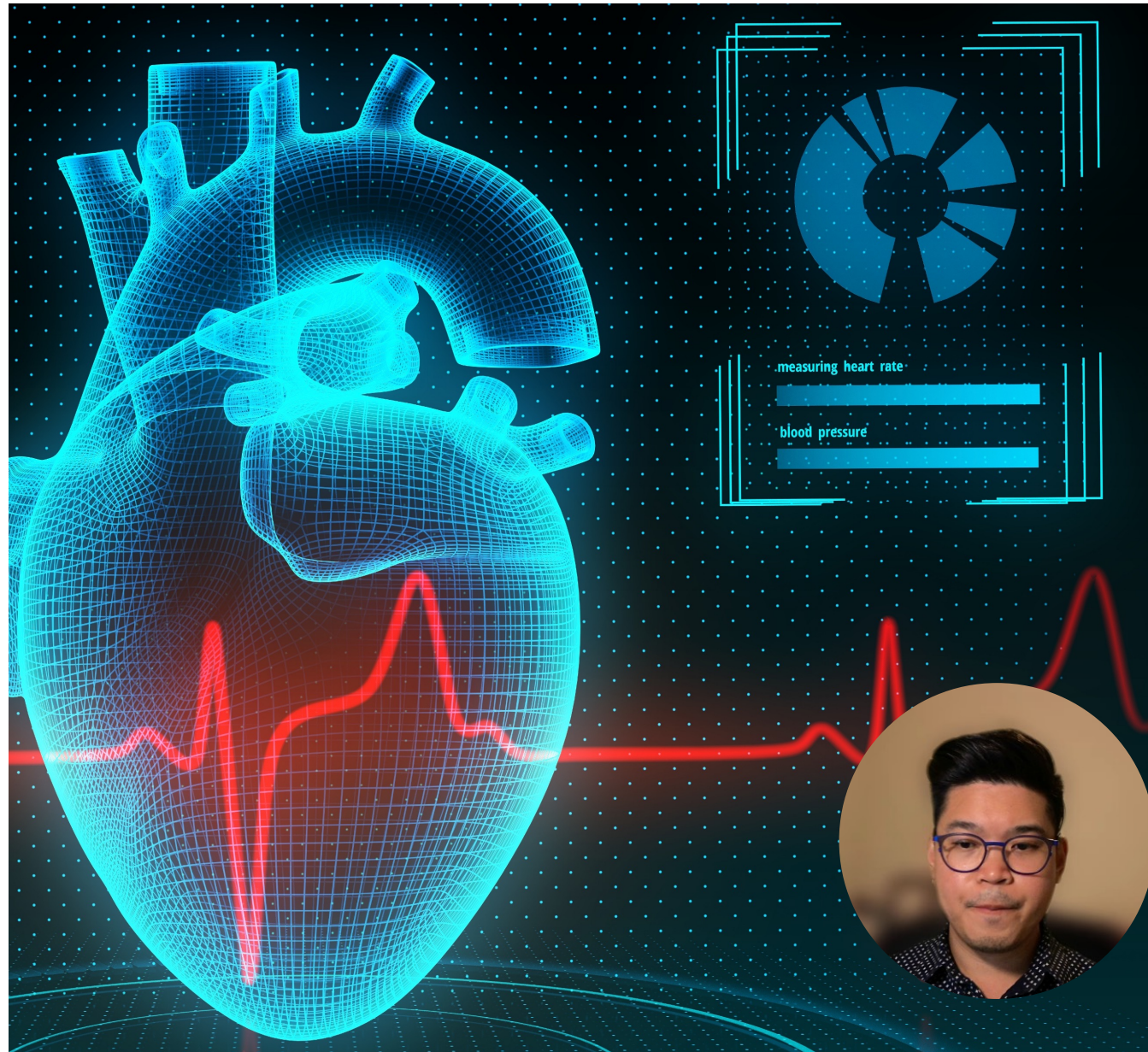
QQuality Improvement in Cardiac Rehabilitation

Alignment with SOLVE-CHD:

- Use of data to drive improvements in cardiac rehabilitation delivery
- Collaborative quality improvement



SOLVE CHD





Quality Improvement in Cardiac Rehabilitation

- Aim:** Determine if a data-driven collaborative quality improvement: 1) increases attendance and completion, 2) improves delivery of best-practice care, and 3) reduces hospitalisations, emergency department presentations, and deaths
- Study Design:** Cluster RCT, randomisation at CR site-level, 12- and 24-month follow-up
- Participants:** 40 CR sites NSW and VIC (20/arm), consecutive patient cohort (n≈3000)
- Intervention:** 12-month data-driven collaborative quality improvement
- Process Eval:** Intervention implementation; clinician and multi-stakeholder perspectives; cost
- Status:** HREC approved with waiver of individual patient consent; NSW governance 25% complete, VIC recruitment underway; commences Feb 2024
- Team:** Robyn Gallagher (CIA), Dion Candelaria (Postdoc Fellow), Sherrie Chung (RA), QUICR Investigators

Collaboration Opportunities: Sustainability study to ensure continued adoption

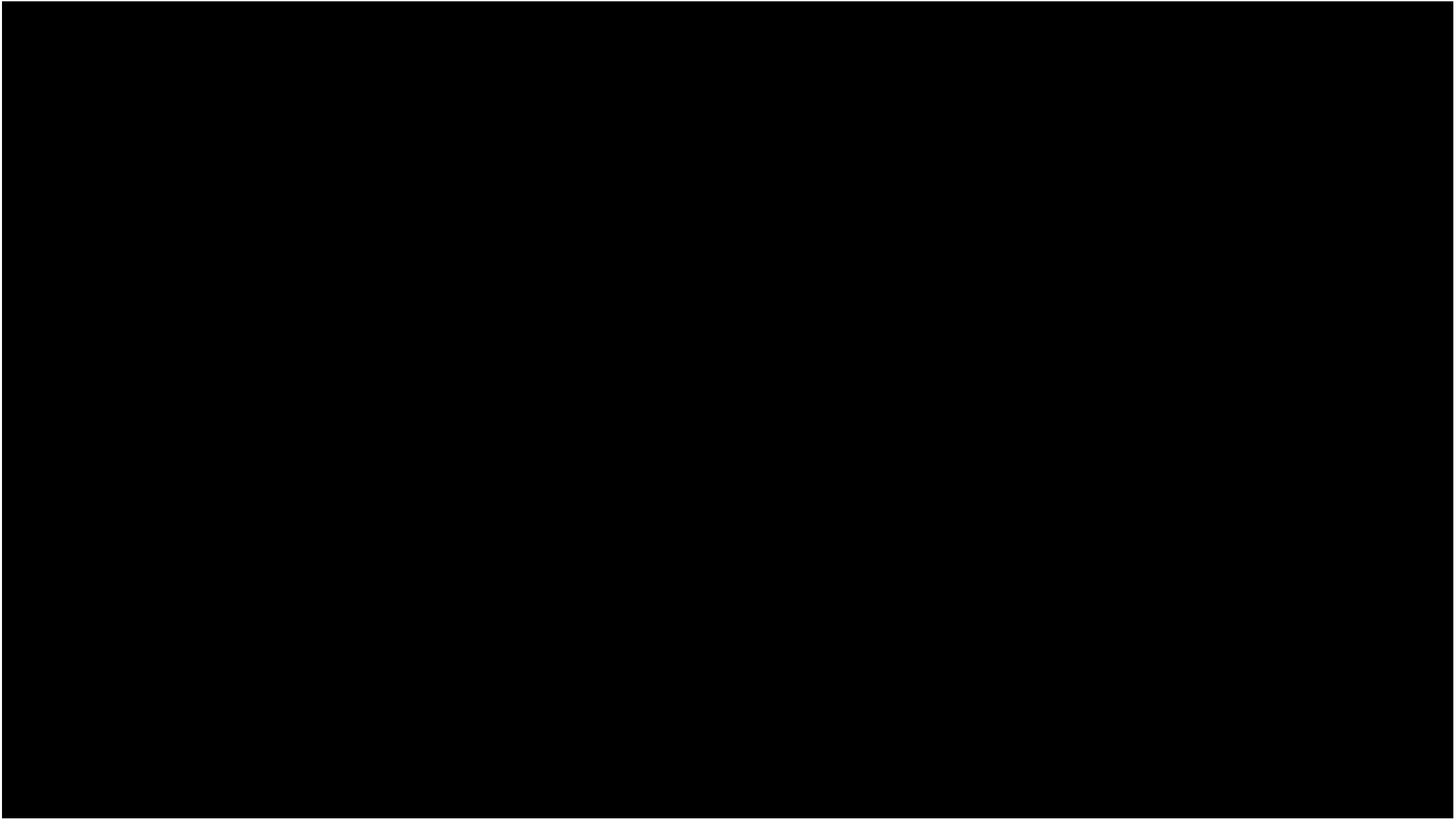
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