



Project Title: Mapping Access to Primary Care (MAP) Study protocol and ethics application development		Code: SRH3
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Certificates & Clearances required: No		
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Project Type: Design; protocol development; ethics application		
Project Category: Primary care; Rural health		
Skills / Attributes of a successful student: Understanding and experience in primary care and quantitative statistics would be an advantage.		
Project Keywords: primary care; general practice; access to care; rural health; surveillance		
<p>Project Description: Every day in NSW patients who should visit a general practitioner are seen by hospital Emergency Departments. Recent research in rural NSW has indicated that this pattern is occurring not due to patient preference, but to unavailability of GP appointments. This study proposes a simple monitoring system to monitor the availability of GP appointments.</p> <p>Preliminary work has been undertaken (literature review and draft survey questions) and a Summer Scholar would develop a research protocol and full ethics application to pilot the proposed surveillance system. This will include revising the literature review, preparing the survey instrument (hosted in Redcap), preparing all documents required for ethical review.</p> <p>Experience with quantitative research methods would be an advantage. This position is located in Dubbo.</p>		