

**The George Institute
Research Seminars**

Topic: Helicopter use in out-of-hospital systems

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Where: The George Institute – Wynyard 1, Level 6, 341 George St, Sydney
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Abstract: Helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) are expensive retrieval systems used in many countries for critically ill or injured patients despite inconsistent evidence for preferable outcomes over 'usual' or land transport retrieval. Given their popularity and high cost there is a need to undertake an economic evaluation of HEMS within the local health system. Both the context for HEMS and the progress to date will be presented.

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