

The NSW Health Connecting Critical Care Project: Project Outcomes and Implications for Practice

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One of the major projects within the NSW Health Telehealth Program is the Connecting Critical Care (CCC)/Telehealth Research Project. This was a research application exploring the use of telehealth modalities in regional, rural and remote Intensive Care (ICU) and Emergency Care (ED) settings, to enhance service delivery and promote earlier intervention and stabilisation of patients. The trial involved a number of sites across the state utilising three simultaneous modes of communication: interactive video, telemetry and imaging. The trial also included the establishment of an Outreach and Education Support Network.

The presentation will provide a review of the evaluation conducted in 2010, including recommendations and key messages, along with next steps and future directions.