

# From Bedside to Boards: Allied Health Leadership

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**Background:** Boards with diverse membership perform better. Australian public sector healthcare Boards include members with clinical and non-clinical backgrounds.

**Aim:** The aim of this study is to analyse Australian public sector healthcare Boards for members with non-clinical backgrounds and those with medical, nursing & midwifery and allied health qualifications.

**Method:** Data was collected (2014/15) on public sector healthcare Boards in all eight Australian jurisdictions using public records (annual reports), web-based organisational resources and public access business social networking sites.

**Conclusion:** One hundred and twenty five Boards were analysed. Results showed that of the 1104 members, 282 (25.5%) had a clinical qualification:

- 60.5 (5.5%) from allied health
- 76.5 (6.9%) from nursing / midwifery, and
- 145 (13.1%) from medicine

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