

# VALUE FOR MONEY



## THE ECONOMIC EVIDENCE FOR CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATION AND HEALTH LIBRARIES

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# Definitions

- Clinical Education Unit
- Health Libraries



# Fundamental Question



- Healthcare + Education = Election Votes
- Structure changes in healthcare
  - continuing role and purpose



# Health Library Journey

- Context of overall health budget
  - avg. expenditure 0.1% of total health budget

Australian Library and Information Association, 2013

- Service provision
  - variable contexts and application

# Independent Library Report



*'Worth every cent and more.'*

*An independent assessment of the return on investment of health libraries in Australia (2013)'*

- Joint commission

- Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
- Health Libraries Inc.

# From Then to Now ...



- Nursing (and Midwifery)
  - apprenticeship to discipline
- Pre and post-registration education
  - re-invention of clinical education units

# Literature Search



## ■ CINAHL

- 'education, nursing'
- 'schools, nursing'
- 'return on investment'
- 'economic analysis'
- 'cost and cost analysis'
- 'cost benefit analysis'

# Results



- Cost analysis of academic programs
  - under-graduate
  - post-graduate
- Economic analysis and patient care





*"Nursing is a knowledge based profession and technological expertise and a high degree of clinical acumen are qualities health consumers demand"*

Levett-Jones (pg 229, 2005)

# Where to ...?

*What is the added value of education units within healthcare facilities in the contemporary education environment?*



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