



CDU Menzies School of  
Medicine Public Lecture Series

# Don't panic it's a disaster!

Professor Dianne Stephens OAM

## PUBLIC SEMINAR

Tuesday 10 May 2022

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Building Red 7 - Mal Nairn Auditorium

Casuarina campus, Darwin

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## Abstract

The global incidence of disease outbreaks, natural disasters and man-made disasters has increased over recent years and health emergencies resulting from these incidents require a coordinated and planned response.

Darwin is home to the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) which is the Australian Government's health emergency response capability

providing health emergency preparedness, planning, education and training and response through the deployment of the Australian Medical Assistance Teams (AUSMAT). The NCCTRC provides clinical and academic leadership in health emergency disciplines such as trauma, communicable diseases outbreaks and critical care.



### Professor Dianne Stephens OAM

Professor Dianne Stephens OAM graduated MBBS in 1988 and holds Fellowship in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Health Service Management. Dianne was the first ICU Specialist in the Northern Territory and inaugural Director of Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and developed the RDH ICU into a nationally respected tertiary level ICU. She established the first organ donation agency in the NT in 2001 and led this program until 2015. Pursuing a passion for new knowledge and exploring evidence-based medicine, Dianne developed and led the RDH ICU research program, was an Executive member of the ANZICS Clinical Trials Group for more than 15 years and contributed to research governance and development of collaborative ICU research in our region. As Director of ICU at RDH for 19 years, Professor Stephens provided leadership in clinical governance and quality committees across the hospital system with the aim of driving translation of evidence into practice to improve NT health outcomes.