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Qualifications BSc (Monash University, 1981)

Grad Dip Ed (Victorian Catholic University, 1985)

MSc (Epidemiology, University of Melbourne, 1994)

PhD (University of Melbourne, 2004)

Certificate in Professional Editing and Proofreading (Open Colleges, 2012)

A highly competent freelance editor and writer of scientific, health and technical information, I have over 25 years experience in health-related research, writing and editing in the fields of biomedical science and health. My freelance career is underpinned by the extensive knowledge and skills developed from completing a PhD and working for many years in public health research and scientific writing and editing positions. As founder of Espero Words I offer a suite of services, including general editing and proofreading tasks; writing and editing information for a variety of audiences based on complex scientific or other technical information; and support for all stages of the research process including grant review.

Skills and competencies

Writing and editing skills

- Extensive experience in writing for journal publications with 100 peer-reviewed publications
- Experience in adapting scientific and health information for lay and professional audiences
- Proficient in proofreading and copy editing
- Basic skills in structural editing
- Experience as an editor of *Australasian Epidemiologist*, the journal of the Australasian Epidemiological Association.

Research skills

- In-depth understanding of all stages of the research process, from hypothesis generation to publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Ability to work with relevant stakeholders to identify key research questions based on knowledge of existing research and current thinking
- Clear presentation of research findings to various audiences at national and international conferences and through publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Demonstrated ability to prepare proposals for government and win peer-reviewed research grants from large research funding bodies and philanthropic organisations

- Capacity to manage research projects within agreed time-frames and budgets while satisfying the needs of stakeholders
- Thorough understanding and extensive experience of the human research ethics review process
- Demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively with other research groups
- Ability to identify the relevance of research outcomes to policy or practice
- Experience with qualitative research methods including in-depth interviewing and analysis of interview data
- Ability to teach and tutor in research methods and related topics and supervise students.

Data analysis/software expertise

- Complex quantitative data analysis including multivariable techniques
- Experience with linking large datasets using automated probabilistic linkage techniques (specifically *LinkageWiz* software)
- Proficient use of statistical software programs – *SPSS* and *Stata*
- Command of Microsoft Office programs – *Word*, *Excel*, *Access* and *Powerpoint*
- Competent use of *Endnote* referencing software.

Personal qualities

- Analytical and strategic thinking
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively to achieve team goals
- Capacity to listen to others, particularly within the context of student and colleague supervision and research collaboration
- Appreciation and accommodation of different ways of thinking and working, thereby contributing to a harmonious working environment
- Committed and dependable employee.

Employment history

Present: Freelance writer and editor

Espero Words, Fitzroy, Victoria.

- General editing and proofreading tasks
- Writing and editing health information
- Editing for medical journals and science communication companies
- Statistical analysis of health data
- Preparation of manuscripts for academic publication on behalf of social science and health researchers (writing and editing)
- Editing and writing technical reports for academic groups (not specifically related to health)
- Review of research grants
- Reviewing/editing student theses.

August 2009 to December 2017 – Scientific writer & editor (part-time employment and part-time freelance work)

Andrology Australia, Monash University Alfred Campus, Melbourne, Victoria.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Writing, editing and reviewing information on men's reproductive health for a variety of audiences including men, their families, and health professionals
- Coordinating expert medical reviewers and the editorial committee of Andrology Australia for the production of evidence-based information and resources in male reproductive health
- Analysing data, editing and co-authoring scientific papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Writing funding applications, project activity plans and regular evaluation reports to the Commonwealth Department of Health (the funder of Andrology Australia)
- Producing the Andrology Australia quarterly newsletter
- Contributing to research projects and grant applications for projects in male health
- Reviewing literature in men's health for the Andrology Australia website
- Presenting Andrology Australia papers at professional conferences.

1997 to February 2009 – Epidemiologist/senior researcher

Public Health Genetics Group and Bruce Lefroy Centre for Genetic Health Research, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI), Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville, Victoria.

Research interests and responsibilities

- Leading and collaborating in research in the area of public health genetics, encompassing: the evaluation of genetic services; exploring lay understanding of genetics; and investigating the psychological and behavioural impact of predictive genetic testing on individuals and families
- Providing advice and input into the work of several research groups within MCRI: research plans, statistical analysis, ethics applications and peer-reviewed publications
- Planning and recruitment for a randomised controlled trial of a genetic counselling intervention: coordinating the steering committee, liaising with all investigators, writing research protocols and applications for several hospital ethics committees
- Developing research methodology, playing a major role in writing a successful research funding application, and supervision of staff for a study of the molecular effects of tai chi practice
- Regular presentations of research findings at national and international conferences and through publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Teaching and student supervision during employment

- Tutoring in the Masters of Health Sciences (Genetic Counselling), University of Melbourne and short courses on biostatistics and research methods conducted by MCRI
- Occasional lecturing to Deakin University biomedical science students
- Examining student theses
- Supervising Master of Health Sciences (Genetic Counselling) and BSc (Hons) students; PhD student mentor.

2001 to 2002 – Subject coordinator and lecturer (sessional) for *Graduate Diploma of Applied Statistics*

Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn, Victoria.

1988 to 1999 – Research officer/epidemiologist

World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for the Epidemiology of Diabetes Mellitus and Health Promotion for Non-Communicable Disease Control, International Diabetes Institute, Caulfield, Victoria.

Roles and responsibilities

- Design and conduct of epidemiological surveys in various Pacific Islands and the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius to assess the prevalence and incidence of, and risk factors for, non-insulin-dependent diabetes and other non-communicable diseases
- Preparation and analysis of data from surveys for publication in medical and epidemiological journals and presentation at local and international conferences.

1986 to 1987 – Secondary school teacher

Beaconhills College, Pakenham, Victoria.

Subjects: years 7-10 science/math, senior biology

1981 to 1983 – Research assistant

WHO Collaborating Centre for the Epidemiology of Diabetes Mellitus, International Diabetes Institute, Caulfield, Victoria.

Professional training

- Various short courses in editing and proofreading provided by Editors Victoria (IPEd)
- ‘Goal Setting Program’ workshop conducted by Gwyder Consulting Group, March 2013
- ‘Managing My Team’: 3-day leadership course for post-doctoral level researchers conducted by Australian Institute of Management on behalf of MCRI, September 2008
- ‘Applied Multilevel Design and Analysis’: 1-day course conducted by Dr Lee van Horn (Uni of South Carolina), held at University of Melbourne, May 2008
- Short course on ‘Complex interventions in public health -- design, implementation and evaluation’, conducted by a NHMRC Capacity Building Grant consortium, held at University of Melbourne, April 2008.

Professional association memberships

- Associate member, IPEd (formerly Editors Victoria)
- Member, Australasian Medical Writers Association

Peer reviewing

- Registered reviewer for the Medical Journal of Australia, and previously for Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, Community Genetics, Clinical Genetics, Genetics in Medicine, Prenatal Diagnosis, Health Education Research and Journal of Pediatrics
- Previously reviewer for several international diabetes journals
- Previous grant reviewer for National Heart Foundation Australia, National Health and Medical Research Council (NH&MRC) and Cancer Research UK.

Journal editing

- 2000-2001: Co-editor of *Australasian Epidemiologist*, the journal of the Australasian Epidemiological Association (AEA).

Research grants

- 2008-2011: NH&MRC Complementary and Alternative Medicine special grant. Choo A, Collins V. Does regular Tai Chi practice delay ageing of cells and improve cellular energy functions? \$416,689 over 3 years.
- 2008-2011: NH&MRC project grant: Delatycki M, Metcalfe S, Allen K, Aitken MA, Bond L, Collins V. Is high-school screening for hereditary haemochromatosis acceptable and feasible? \$650,000 over 4 years.
- 2008: Department of Human Services Victoria. Halliday J, Collins V, Glynn A. Use and non-use of genetic counselling services after the diagnosis of birth defect in a child born in 2004. \$37,625 for 1 year.
- 2006-2008: Rotary Health Research. Davis A, Vohra J, Collins V, Macciocca I, Connell V, du Sart D. The benefits to families of implementation of genetic diagnostic testing for inherited arrhythmia syndromes which can cause sudden cardiac death. \$72,000 over 3 years.
- 2005-2006: National Heart Foundation of Australia: Collins V (CIA), Semsarian C, Weintraub R, Halliday J. The impact of presymptomatic genetic testing for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) on psychological wellbeing, risk perceptions, and surveillance behaviours. \$77,362 over 2 years.
- 2006: Murdoch Childrens Research Institute Internal Grant. Collins V, Halliday J, Macciocca I, Weintraub R, Semsarian C. Funding for genetic testing to support the study entitled: The impact of presymptomatic genetic testing for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) on psychological wellbeing, risk perceptions and surveillance behaviours. \$30,000 for 1 year.
- 2006-2007: Department of Human Services, Genetics and Perinatal Programs section of Public Health Division, Victoria. Collins V, Jaques A. Evaluation of prenatal screening services in Victoria. \$51,000 for 1 year.
- 2006: Perpetual Charitable Planning Services. Muggli E, Collins V. First information and support provision for families of infants with Down syndrome. \$44,775 for 1 year.
- 2006: Murdoch Childrens Research Institute Internal Grant. Delatycki M, Metcalfe S, Aitken MA, Collins V, Allen K, duSart D. Is genetic screening for hereditary haemochromatosis (HH) in senior high school students acceptable and feasible? \$60,000 for 1 year.
- 2006: Fragile X Alliance. Metcalfe S, Wake S, Collins V, Halliday J, Sheffield L, Slater H. A pilot population carrier screening program for fragile X syndrome. \$27,000 for 1 year.

Publications (full list pages 6 to10)

- Author of 100 peer-reviewed journal publications with 63 published since 2000
- Author of several book chapters and reports.

Referees

Provided on request.

Peer-reviewed journal articles – 2000 to 2018

1. Ilic D, Murphy K, Collins V, Holden C. Coaching to support men in making informed choices about prostate cancer screening: A qualitative study. *Patient Educ Couns* 2018 (in press, available online) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pec.2018.01.003>.
2. Hammarberg K, Collins V, Holden C, Young K, McLachlan R. Men's knowledge, attitudes and behaviours relating to fertility. *Hum Reprod Update* 2017;23:458-480.
3. Rizio TA, Thomas WJ, O'Brien AP, Collins V, Holden CA, for the Andrology Australia Practice Nurse Reference Group. Engaging primary healthcare nurses in men's health education: A pilot study. *Nurse Educ Pract* 2016;17:128-133.
4. Holden CA, Collins VR, Anderson CJ, Pomeroy S, Turner R, Canny BJ, Yeap BB, Wittert G, McLachlan RI. "Men's health--a little in the shadow": a formative evaluation of medical curriculum enhancement with men's health teaching and learning. *BMC Med Educ* 2015;15:210.
5. Holden CA, Collins VR, Pomeroy S, Turner R, Canny BJ, Yeap BB, Wittert G, McLachlan RI. "We don't know what we need to learn": Medical student perceptions of preparedness for practice in men's health. *Focus On Health Professional Education* 2015;16(4):23-37.
6. Holden CA, Collins VR, Handelsman DJ, Jolley D, Pitts M, for the Men in Australia Telephone Survey (MATeS) Working Group. Healthy aging in a cross-sectional study of Australian men: what has sex got to do with it? *Aging Male* 2014;17:25-29.
7. Allan CA, Collins VR, Frydenberg M, McLachlan RI, Matthiesson KL. Androgen deprivation therapy complications. *Endocrine-Related Cancer* 2014;21:T119-T129.
8. Allan CA, Collins VR, Frydenberg M, McLachlan RI, Matthiesson KL. Strategies for mitigating the complications of androgen deprivation therapy in men with prostate cancer, "Beyond the Abstract" *UroToday* 2014; Online Only (http://www.urotoday.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76403:strategies-for-mitigating-the-complications-of-androgen-deprivation-therapy-in-men-with-prostate-cancer-beyond-the-abstract-by-carolyn-a-allan-et-al&catid=1134:prostate-cancer&Itemid=782)
9. Ioannou L, Massie J, Lewis S, Collins V, McClaren B, Delatycki MB. Attitudes and opinions of pregnant women who are not offered cystic fibrosis carrier screening. *Eur J Hum Genet* 2014;22:859-865.
10. Ioannou L, Massie J, Lewis S, McClaren B, Collins V, Delatycki MB. 'No thanks'-reasons why pregnant women declined an offer of cystic fibrosis carrier screening. *J Community Genet* 2014;5:109-117.
11. Adams M, Collins VR, Dunne, MP, de Kretser DM, Holden CA. Male reproductive health disorders among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men: a hidden problem? *Medical Journal of Australia* 2013;198:33-38.
12. Allan CA, Collins VR, Frydenberg M, McLachlan RI, Matthiesson KL. Monitoring cardiovascular health in men with prostate cancer treated with androgen deprivation therapy. *Int J Urol Nursing* 2012;6:35-41.
13. Delatycki MB, Wolthuizen M, Collins V, Varley E, et al. ironXS: high-school screening for hereditary haemochromatosis is acceptable and feasible. *Eur J Hum Genet* 2012;20:505-509.
14. Ren H, Collins V, Clarke SJ, Han JS, Lam P, Clay F, Williamson LM, Choo AKH. Epigenetic changes in response to tai chi practice: a pilot investigation of DNA methylation marks. *Evid Based Complement Alternat Med* 2012;2012:841810 (Epub).
15. Collins VR, McLachlan RI, Holden CA. Tackling inequalities in men's health: a reflective lens on the National Male Health Policy. *Med J Aust* 2011;194:62-64.

16. Herlihy AS, McLachlan RI, Gillam L, Cock ML, Collins V, Halliday JL. The psychosocial impact of Klinefelter syndrome and factors influencing quality of life. *Genet Med* 2011;13:632-642.
17. Coman DJ, Hayes IM, Collins V, Sahhar M, Wraith JE, Delatycki MB. Enzyme replacement therapy and extended newborn screening for mucopolysaccharidoses: opinions of treating physicians. *JIMD Reports* 2011, Vol 1:9-15.
18. Ren H, Collins V, Fernandez F, Quinlan S, Griffiths L, Choo KH. Shorter telomere length in peripheral blood cells associated with migraine in women. *Headache* 2010;50:965-972.
19. Jaques AM, Collins VR, Muggli EE, Amor DJ, Francis I, Sheffield LJ, Halliday JL. Uptake of prenatal diagnosis and the effectiveness of prenatal screening for Down syndrome. *Prenat Diagn* 2010;30:522-530.
20. Ioannou L, Massie J, Collins V, McLaren B, Dealtycki MB. Population-based screening for cystic fibrosis: Attitudes and outcomes. *Population Genomics* 2010;13:449-456.
21. Trembath MK, Horton ZA, Tippett L, Hogg V, Collins VR, Churchyard A, Velakoulis D, Roxburgh R, Delatycki MB. A retrospective study of the impact of lifestyle on age at onset of Huntington disease. *Movement Disorders* 2010;25:1444-1450.
22. Corben LA, Tai G, Wilson C, Collins V, Churchyard AJ, Delatycki MB. A comparison of three measures of upper limb function in Friedreich ataxia. *J Neurol* 2010;257:518-523.
23. Delatycki MB, Wolthuizen M, Collins V, Varley E, Craven J, Allen KJ, Aitken MA, Bond L, Lockhart PJ, Wilson GR, Macciocca I, Metcalfe SA. Implementation of ironXS: a study of the acceptability and feasibility of genetic screening for hereditary hemochromatosis in high schools. *Clin Genet* 2010;77:241-248.
24. Glynn A, Collins V, Halliday J. Utilization of genetic counseling after diagnosis of a birth defect - trends over time and variables associated with utilization. *Gen Med* 2009;11: 287-293.
25. Muggli EE, Collins VR, Marraffa C. Going down a different road: first support and information needs of families with a baby with Down syndrome. *Med J Aust* 2009;190:58-61.
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29. Archibald AD, Jaques AM, Wake S, Collins VR, Cohen J, Metcalfe SA. "It's something I need to consider": Decisions about carrier screening for Fragile X syndrome in a population of non-pregnant women. *Am J Med Genet (Part A)* 2009;149A:2731-2738.
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31. Jaques AM, Collins VR, Pitt J, Halliday JL. Coverage of the Victorian newborn screening programme in 2003: A retrospective population study. *J Paed Child Hlth* 2008;44:498-503.
32. Coman DJ, Hayes IM, Collins V, Sahhar M, Wraith JE, Delatycki MB. Enzyme Replacement Therapy for Mucopolysaccharidoses: Opinions of Patients and Families. *J Pediatrics* 2008;152:723-727.

33. McClaren BJ, Delatycki MB, Collins V, Metcalfe SA, Aitken MA. "It is not in my world": An exploration of attitudes and influences associated with cystic fibrosis genetic carrier screening. *Eur J Hum Genet* 2008;16:435-444.
34. Fahey MC, Cremer PD, Aw ST, Millist L, Todd MJ, White OB, Halmagyi M, Corben LA, Collins V, Churchyard AJ, Tan K, Kowal L, Delatycki MB. Vestibular, saccadic and fixation abnormalities in genetically confirmed Friedreich ataxia. *Brain* 2008;131:1035-1045.
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40. Voullaire L, Collins V, Callaghan T, McBain J, Williamson R, Wilton L. High incidence of complex chromosome abnormality in cleavage embryos from patients with repeated implantation failure. *Fertility and Sterility* 2007;87:1053-1058.
41. Hayes IM, Collins V, Sahhar M, Wraith JE, Delatycki MB. Newborn screening for mucopolysaccharidoses: Opinions of patients and their families. *Clin Genet* 2007;71:446-450.
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52. Halliday JL*, Collins VR*, Aitken MA, Richards MPM, Olsson CA. Genetics and public health – evolution or revolution? (* joint lead authors). *J Epidemiol Community Health* 2004;58:894-899.
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57. Collins V, Halliday J, Williamson R. What predicts the use of genetic counseling services after the birth of a child with Down syndrome? *J Genet Counsel* 2003;12:43-60.
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61. Collins V, Halliday J, Warren R, Williamson R. Cancer worries, risk perceptions and associations with interest in DNA testing and clinic satisfaction in a familial colorectal cancer clinic. *Clin Genet* 2000;58:460-468.
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4. Jaques A, Haynes K, Collins V, Halliday J. *Evaluation of the second trimester maternal serum screening test offered by Genetic Health Services Victoria*. Prepared for the Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, September 2004.