What has the CRPD got to do with research?

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It has been about six years since Australia signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the CRPD). There is a perception that the CRPD applies only to governments and disability service providers, and within the context of law and legislation. There is little reference and understanding that the CRPD has implications for research. This presentation will outline the concept of the CRPD and its pertinent points, and outline how the CRPD ought to be applied in research and the role researchers play in respecting, promoting and fulfilling the rights of people with disabilities.

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