

2023 ACT Health Directorate

13th Allied Health Symposium



Exceptional Healthcare has
Allied Health in the room

Wednesday 3 May 2023
1:30pm – 4:30pm



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Host

Rosalind Knox,
A/g Chief Allied Health Officer, ACT Health Directorate

Program

1.30pm Welcome

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1.35pm Opening

Rachel Stephen-Smith, Minister for Health,
Minister for Families and Community Services,
and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

1.40pm Exceptional healthcare and consumers

Ivapene Seiuli, Multicultural Liaison Officer,
Healthcare Consumers' Association

1.50pm Keynote speaker

Dr Anne-marie Boxall,
Australian Government Chief Allied Health Officer

2.20pm Pharmacists in Residential Aged Care Facilities Study (PiRACF)

Dr Sam Kosari, Associate Professor of Pharmacy,
University of Canberra

2.40pm Poster session (Details at Attachment A)

3.00pm Break

Program continued

3.15pm Fastball presentations (10 minutes for each topic)

Barriers to implementing supported decision making in an acute hospital – qualitative study of clinician’s perspective

Patrice Higgins, Social Worker,
Canberra Health Services

How one thing leads to another... Engaging with community organisations to promote exceptional healthcare

Sarah Smith, Pharmacist,
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Post COVID recovery clinic

Allison Maher, Physiotherapist,
Canberra Health Services

Care about pressure care? Let’s collaborate!

Emily Peelgrane and Yan Li, Occupational Therapists,
Canberra Health Services

I can do research

Alison McDonald, Social Worker,
Canberra Health Services

Welcome to the world: Delivering a new maternity service

Briohny Roberts, Pharmacist,
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Exceptional Pelvic Floor for all who deliver at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Taylor Wallace, Physiotherapist,
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

4.30pm Closing

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Fastball presentations - Synopsis

Barriers to implementing supported decision making in an acute hospital – qualitative study of clinicians' perspectives

Sarah Sowry (Medical Student), Malith Ramasundara (Staff Specialist) and Patrice Higgins (Social Worker), Canberra Health Services

Patrice will explore clinicians' perspectives of the enablers and barriers to using Supported Decision Making (SDM) in patients with cognitive impairment within an acute health service.

How one thing leads to another... Engaging with community organisations to promote exceptional healthcare

Sarah Smith and Briohny Roberts (Pharmacists), Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, and C Moore, Kate Gorman and Claudia Cresswell, Healthcare Consumers' Association

Sarah will report on the development of a community medicines education program and the value of partnering with relevant community organisations to deliver education that promotes exceptional healthcare.

Post COVID recovery clinic

Allison Maher and Cassandra Neilson (Physiotherapists) and Michelle Bennett (Occupational Therapist), Canberra Health Services, Tanya Buettikofer (Physiotherapist), Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, and Bernie Bissett (Physiotherapist), University of Canberra

Allison will explore which allied health disciplines are required to enable optimal service provision within a multidisciplinary clinic for patients suffering from post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC), commonly known as "Long COVID".

Care about pressure care? Let's collaborate!

Emily Peelgrane, Yan Li, Sarah Purcell, Leah Epistola and Tulene McCabe (Occupational Therapists), Canberra Health Services

Emily and Yan will outline current evidence on best practice enabling approaches for pressure injury prevention and management and invite collaboration to improve implementation of these approaches.

I can do research

Alison McDonald, Rosy Winter, Charmaine Nicoll and Mary Woodcock (Social Workers), Canberra Health Services, Monica Short, Charles Sturt University, and Nick Brown, Canberra Health Services and University of Canberra

Alison will present on a participatory mixed methods approach to clarify the barriers to conducting research for social workers, and outline whether implementing identified enablers can help to grow research capacity.

Welcome to the world: Delivering a new maternity service

Briohny Roberts and Sarah Khoo (Pharmacists), Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Briohny will present a study evaluating the implementation of a weekday clinical Pharmacy service in the obstetrics and gynaecology ward at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, measuring incidence and nature of medication related problems (MRPs) and the impact of the service on midwifery and nursing staff.

Exceptional Pelvic Floor for all who deliver at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Taylor Wallace (Physiotherapist), Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

Taylor will describe establishment of a referral pathway to physiotherapy for women post prolonged second stage or assisted delivery and the role physiotherapy plays in enhancing recovery.

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Poster presentations

Are we out of range? Understanding temperature variations of continuous infusions delivered to ambulatory patients

Briohny Roberts, Sarah Khoo, Sarah Smith, Madelyne Doolan and Lisa Bell
Calvary Public Hospital Bruce

This study explores temperature variations of continuous antibiotic infusions delivered in Hospital in the Home, and associated patient-specific factors.

What is Implementation Science and how does it relate to best practice? Case study of knee osteoarthritis pathways

Danealle Gilfillan, Jennie Scarvell, Joe Lynch, Angie Fearon, Tom Ward, Jo Morris and Kirsty Douglas
Canberra Health Services

The “Best Practice in Knee Osteoarthritis project” is researching and working towards improved care pathways using implementation science frameworks.

Transforming Stereotactic Radiosurgery – Departmental Change and Implementation

Helen Truong
Canberra Health Services

This poster presents the impact of new technology on efficiency, patient comfort, accuracy, and throughput in the Canberra Health Services Radiation Oncology Department cranial stereotactic service.

Kicking efficiency goals with digital scanning

Katja Veenendaal, Andrew McMillan and Kim Hansen
Canberra Health Services

This study explores the impact of technology on clinical efficiency and turnaround time in manufacture of orthoses, and associated staff and patient satisfaction.

Exercise after Long COVID, it's worth the huff and puff!

Mary Johnson and Madeleine Brady
Canberra Health Services

This study tests the effect of individually tailored graded exercise therapy within a semi-supervised group setting on physical conditioning in a long COVID population.

Reducing violence and increasing staff safety using an Occupational Violence Risk Assessment (OVRA) tool

Kayla Ball, Jane Espeland and Rebecca Smith
Education Directorate

This poster addresses the use of the Occupational Violence Risk Assessment (OVRA) tool to reduce violence and increase safety in Canberra school communities.

Thank you

- > Oral and poster presenters

- > Allied Health Research Network

- > Allied Health Abstract Review Group

- > Jennie Scarvell
A/g Joint Professor of Allied Health Research
Canberra Health Services and University of Canberra

- > Rosalyn Stanton
Director Research Mentorship, Supervision and Education Programs
Canberra Health Services

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