Cultural Issues in Clinical Practice

Course outline

Overview: This workshop equips health professionals to understand the importance of including culture into assessment frameworks and the potential negative consequences if culture and language is not addressed. It will strengthen clinicians’ assessment skills by incorporating cultural aspects into practice frameworks.

Target audience: All clinical staff (allied health, medical and nursing)

Duration: 4 hours
3.5 Continuing Professional Development points if applicable to your profession

Number of participants: Minimum 12 – maximum 30

Pre-requisites: Nil

Module aim or outcome: This workshop aims to provide clinical staff with the knowledge, skills and resources which will assist them to competently assess the cultural and linguistic needs of patients in relation to their health care. At the conclusion, participants will have the knowledge and skills to incorporate cultural factors into their routine assessments and interventions.

Lesson objectives:
- Know the impact of culture and language on individuals in health care settings
- Incorporate cultural issues into clinical assessment frameworks
- Learn how to elicit the cultural beliefs and values of the individual
- Incorporate cultural knowledge into daily clinical practice
Content:
- Cross cultural competency
- Understanding culture
- Cross cultural communication
- Culture in clinical assessment frameworks
- How to elicit cultural information
- Application of cultural issues into practice

Participants will:
- Understand the impact of culture and language on the health care of the individual
- Be aware of the potential negative outcomes when culture and language is not addressed
- Understand the importance of including culture into assessment frameworks
- Learn how to elicit cultural information to inform their practice

Does not include: This workshop does not cover specific Indigenous or Australian Torres Strait Islander issues.

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