

Symposium: Students: Benefit or burden to hospitals?

Tuesday 6 October
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3.30-5.00pm



Presenter: Associate Professor Robyn Woodward-Kron, University of Melbourne

Topic: Students value-adding to health services during clinical placement

Synopsis: This presentation draws on a Medical Deans of Australia and New Zealand funded study that examined the bi-directional benefits to learning and to health services of medical student clinical placements. The study has been replicated in nursing and primary care

Bio: Robyn is Director of Research and Research Training in the Department of Medical Education in Melbourne Medical School. She researches health communication to inform health professions education and to improve patient outcomes.



Presenter: Dr Leonie Griffiths, University of Melbourne, Northern Health

Topic: How do we teach patient centred care?

Synopsis: Post graduate medical students from University of Melbourne participate in the Patient Partner Program (PPP) which sees them accompany a patient with a chronic health condition through the health care system over a minimum of 6 months. The PPP aims to bring the patient agenda into focus while promoting empathic and reflective practice. The presentation will highlight key evaluation findings relating to student contribution to patient care and reflections on the challenges patients face, living with a chronic disease and navigating a complex healthcare system.

Bio: Leonie has a background in General Practice and is the Director of Medical Student Education Northern Clinical School and the Director of Work Integrated Learning for the Melbourne Medical School. Her research interests revolve around curriculum design that fosters students' understanding of patient centred care through authentic meaningful engagement with patients. .



Presenter: Ms Nadia Levkut, MD4 Student Northern Clinical School/ MDRP project

Topic: Paid employment for medical students in hospitals. Does it work?

Synopsis: Historically, medical students have sought paid employment in hospitals to finance their medical education and gain additional exposure to the healthcare system. Little is known about what students can learn in this setting. This project aimed to investigate the experiences of medical students who undertake paid employment within the hospital and to explore hospital staff perspectives on the feasibility and acceptability of medical students undertaking paid hospital employment. This presentation will discuss the bidirectional benefits and barriers to the employment of medical students in a hospital setting.

Bio: Nadia Levkut is a final year medical student at the University of Melbourne. She has completed her clinical training at the Northern Clinical School and this is her first research experience.



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