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RACS/ANZCA/ACEM JOINT SYMPOSIUM

Family Violence: Health System Response

Thursday 10 November 2022 – 9.00am – 4.00pm

Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House, 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

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Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00	Welcome to country	Michael West, elder
09:15	Welcome to 2022 RACS Trauma Symposium	Sally Langley
09:20	Welcome to Parliament House - Introduction	Joe McGirr MLA
09:25	Opening	Natalie Ward MLA
09:35	Outline summary (conveners)	Payal Mukherjee and Ken Harrison
09:40	Physician Do No Harm	Talie Star
09:50	Current role of health professionals in family violence	Michelle Atkinson
10:00	Morning Tea	
10:30	Domestic violence from a health system approach – we can do better	Lai Heng Foong
10:45	Integrated public health responses to domestic and family violence	Mayet Costello
11:00	Enabling health services response to family violence	Kelsey Hegarty
11:15	Perpetrator Accountability	John Sammut
11:30	Break	
11:40	Breakout Sessions – 4 x 30 min	
	Session 1 – How can hospitals and health services support practitioners to do the work?	Facilitator: Mayet Costello
	Session 2 – What skills and support should I have and how can Colleges facilitate these?	Facilitator: Kelsey Hegarty
	Session 3 – Role of males as champions of change	Facilitators: John Sammut and John Crozier
	Session 4 – Rural – How does this relate in rural areas and what are we able to do?	Facilitator: Joe McGirr/ Andy Buck Metropolitan Facilitator Virtual participants: J.McGirr office
12:10	Report from Session 1	
12:25	Report from Session 2	
12:40	Report from Session 3	
12:55	Report from Session 4	
13:10	Lunch	
14:00	Trauma Recovery - Being part of the solution	Talie Star
14:15	Participants forum - Setting the scene	Payal Mukherjee and Ken Harrison
14:20	Panel discussion/participants forum Q & A	Sally Langley; Talie Star, Kelsey Hegarty, Mayet Costello; John Sammut, Alan Sandford; Marlene Lauw
15:50	Summation and workforce culture values	Payal Mukherjee and Ken Harrison
16:00	Finish	

Dr Michelle Atkinson FRACS

Dr Michelle Atkinson is an orthopaedic surgeon and Chair RACS NSW State Committee. She is seeking the addition of Family Violence, recognition and management to surgical training.

Dr Andy Buck FACEM

Andy Buck is an emergency physician at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, one of Victoria's major trauma centres. He is the director of the Emergency Trauma Management (ETM) course and sits on the ACEM Trauma Emergency Medicine Network executive.

Professor Mayet Costello

Mayet is a manager in the Prevention and Response to Violence, Abuse and Neglect (PARVAN) Unit, NSW Ministry of Health. Her current role includes leading the Violence, Abuse and Neglect (VAN) Redesign Program and policy responsibility for sexual assault and medical and forensic responses to violence, abuse and neglect in NSW Health. Mayet has extensive experience in service delivery, policy, research, politics and management roles across the government and non-government sectors. This includes as Director, Research Program at ANROWS. Mayet has a PhD in policy response to male violence against women and qualifications in Social Work, Arts and Project Management.

Dr John Crozier AM CSM FRACS FRCS(T) FACRS

Dr John Crozier is a Vascular and Trauma Surgeon, on staff of Liverpool Hospital, South West Sydney. Chair Bi-National Trauma Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He is co-chair of Alcohol Change Australia and an Executive of the Australasian College of Road Safety. He had recently been invited to address the Australasian Liquor Licencing Forum. For decades, he has sustained advocacy to mitigate alcohol and gambling related harm.

Dr Lai Heng Foong BMBS, FACEM, MHS, BA (Hons)

Dr Foong, Senior Emergency Physician has a passion for Public Health, including Domestic violence, Disaster preparedness, Climate Change and Health, Indigenous Health and the social determinants of health. She holds a Master's in Public Health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, USA. She completed a research project on Domestic violence in patients presenting to the Emergency Department. Currently Chair, Public Health and Disaster Committee of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), Clinical lead NSW ED Community of Practice (CoP) in Covid-19 Pandemic Response. Board member Bonnie's, an organisation offering support to victims of Domestic Violence.

Associate Professor Ken Harrison FANZCA

Ken is a trauma specialist and an anaesthetist at Westmead Hospital where he works with a team that tackles some of the most serious traumas in the state. He has also worked for 3 decades in pre-hospital medicine. He has been involved in trauma prevention and trauma education for most of his 39-year career and is the anaesthetic representative on the RACS trauma committee

Professor Kelsey Hegarty

Kelsey Hegarty is an academic general practitioner, joint Chair Family Violence Prevention at the University of Melbourne and the Royal Women's Hospital, leads NHMRC Safer Families Centre of Research Excellent and co-chairs Melbourne Research Alliance to End Violence against Women (MAEVe). Her research includes the evidence base for interventions to prevent violence against women; educational and complex interventions around identification of domestic and family violence in primary care settings and early intervention with men, women and children exposed to abuse. She led development of the Royal Australian College of General Practice White Book on Abuse and Violence and a GP learning module. She has developed an innovative domestic violence curriculum for health practitioners.

Dr Sally Langley FRACS

Dr Langley is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon based in Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand. Her work has covered the whole spectrum of plastic surgery including craniofacial, cleft lip and palate, head and neck, paediatric, reconstructive including microsurgery, hand surgery, as well as skin cancer and breast surgery. She has been involved with surgical education and training and was an examiner in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Aotearoa New Zealand deputy Chair Court of Examiners, which conducts the Fellowship exam of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), former President of the New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons, past Chair RACS Professional Standards and Development Board, Dr Langley is currently RACS President.

Ms Marlene Lauw

Marlene Lauw, a Wiradjuri and Nggunawal woman, has extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities providing support, counselling and advocacy. Marlene holds specialised skills and knowledge in competency-based training, supervision and workforce development in the area of trauma, healing, family violence, sexual assault and child protection. Marlene explores and integrates Aboriginal worldviews, trauma informed care and healing frameworks in course design and delivery for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal practitioners working in clinical, community and policy to increase professional capability in responding to the unique needs of Aboriginal people through respectful and safe collaboration. Making change and improving policies and strategies for working with Aboriginal people across the whole of sector is Marlene's core business and passion.

Dr Joe McGirr Independent Member for Wagga Wagga

Dr Joe McGirr has worked in regional NSW for more than 30 years, firstly in emergency medicine, then in health and hospital management and university administration before entering politics. Dr Joe was elected Member for Wagga Wagga on 8 September 2018, following an historic by-election.

He was re-elected into the 57th Parliament of NSW, six months later. Dr Joe's dedication to service for the needs of the community continues in his representation as the Independent voice of the electorate. Dr Joe works to ensure the community grows strongly in a safe and supported way.

He has extensive experience in rural and regional health in clinical practice, research, teaching and administration with all levels of government.

Associate Professor Payal Mukherjee FRACS

A.Prof Payal Mukherjee is an ENT surgeon with special interest in hearing and balance disorders. She trained in NSW and attained post fellowship training in Otolaryngology, Cochlear Implantation and Lateral Skull Base Surgery at John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford and National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery London. She is a leader and an advocate. She is a translational researcher with a PhD in precision medicine for ear disorders. She has a special interest in medical devices. She is on the Advisory committee of medical devices TGA as well as the expert panel of the NSW health Medical devices fund. She is also on several committees of RACS as well as working committees of the Agency for Clinical Innovation NSW. She has a special interest in STEM, Gender equity in Surgery and Family Violence. She has helped draft the RACS position paper on domestic violence and has worked on numerous gender-based issues in Surgery for which she has received leadership awards.

Dr John Sammut MBBS (Hons1), FACEM

Senior Emergency Physician, Director ICU and Clinical Executive, Canterbury Hospital. Senior Medical Consultant Advisor to SLHD, Member Sydney LHD Board. Involvements:

- Disaster Training: Chair of the MIMMS Australasia
- Medical Manager Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Quality and safety work: Clinical Excellence Commission. Medical advisor and educator.

NSW Medical Council Involvement:

Medical Staff Council member

Prior Chair of Performance, Chair Conduct Committees

Current Chair Family Violence /Special Incidents Committee

Deputy President NSW Medical Council 2018 - 2020

President NSW Medical Council 2020 – 2022

Interests: Medical Regulation, teaching and mentorship, quality systems in health care that focus on communication.

Professor Alan S C Sandford AM

Professor Sandford is Medical Lead of the Regional Medical Pathway, a rural based end-to-end medical program in Central Queensland and Wide Bay. He is also Executive Board Director, Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA). As a Specialist Medical Leader he has a longstanding priority in supporting quality, safety and system integrity in an evolving medical system which must be responsive to community need. Several memberships in national committees including AMC Specialist Medical Accreditation Committee (SEAC) and RACS Rural Health Equity Steering Committee. His focus is the power of kindness and workforce nurturing particularly in rural Australia.

Ms Talie Star

Talie Star is a Singer/Songwriter, Consultant/Speaker specialising in Trauma, Trauma Informed Training (development and delivery) Domestic and Family Violence, Homelessness and Disability working with Health, Governments, Universities and NGOs and Peak Bodies. A member of Advisory Groups for DV Assist, DVNSW, Local Councils, Homelessness NSW and PIAC. She partners with Our Watch in training Journalist and the media on safer and more effective reporting. Her heart is for educating, empowering and challenging systems in a way that inspires collaboration and collective healing. Talie was awarded the New South Wales SHS Sector Consumer Achievement Award in recognition of her outstanding work.

The Hon Natalie Ward MLC

The Hon Natalie Ward MLC, Minister for Metropolitan Roads and Women’s Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Chair Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control – in an Australian-first, the committee unanimously recommended that coercive control be criminalised along with 23 recommendations relating to domestic abuse in 2021. This experience provided a unique opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders which Natalie brings to her role as Minister for Women’s Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Chair Joint Select Committee Sydney’s Night-Time Economy which led to the development of the NSW Government’s 24-hour Economy Strategy.
