

2024 State Conference

Above & Beyond the Medicine

| Above & Beyond the Medicine Concurrent Session: Friday 1 st November | |
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| 1:30pm (Poster Pitch) | Allied Health Referrals in Community Palliative Care: Electronic, Mandatory and Specific Sally Connell, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District |
| 1:35pm | Creating Moments That Matter. How the Fundamental Principles of Occupational Therapy Facilitate Meaningful Participation and Engagement. Vanessa Orton and Helen Ware, Hunter New England Health |
| | This presentation will illustrate the contributions of community Occupational Therapy within Palliative Care and demonstrate that along with equipment prescription, Occupational Therapist are experts at supporting meaningful activities for those approaching the end of their life. Consumer experiences will showcase the therapeutic tools and resources that we carry in our tool-bag and demonstrate how holistic, client centred practice and therapeutic use of self, facilitates participation, engagement, and quality in our clients' days. |
| 2:00pm | Transdisciplinary Allied Health: More Than the Sum of its Parts Lauren Johnson, Hunter New England Local Health District & Rebecca Capper, Supportive Care for Chronic Disease - Hunter New England Health |
| | Transdisciplinary models are a unique way of working and evidence suggests that early identification of symptoms and management can help reduce hospital presentations and reduce the risk of complex grief. This new district wide, allied health service, "Supportive Care for Chronic disease", aims to reduce overlap between professions, increase coordination and collaboration with carers, service providers and GP's, enabling the patient & carer to feel empowered to take control of their last 2yrs of life. |
| 2:25pm | More Than Just Food: Empowering Patients Through Community Dietetics Collaborations Toni Peebles, Chronic Disease Palliative Care, RPA Virtual Hospital & Annaliese Nagy, Sydney Local Health District Community Palliative Care |
| | The value of dietetic care as part of a multidisciplinary palliative care approach is becoming increasingly recognised. Community Palliative Care Dietitians working in Sydney Local Health District have formed a collaborative approach to service development to establish efficient processes and a unified dietetics voice. Key strategies have included establishing clear referral processes, educating the multidisciplinary team and developing palliative-specific educational resources for patients and their families. Processes for collecting and analysing meaningful data are being carefully planned and implemented to ensure a sustainable service. |
| 2:50pm (Poster Pitch) | To be announced |

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