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Mental Health

The Division of Mental Health is developing an innovative service model guided by broad population mental health needs. Priority areas include working with families of people with mental illness, working with GPs to develop shared systems of care for treatment of depression and anxiety, and the effectiveness of evidence-based interventions in front-line service settings.

Research Statement

Researchers: Bickerton A, Mottaghipour Y, Sara G, Woodland G.

Title: Developing "family-friendly" culture and service models in an adult mental health service.

Researchers: Gill K, Roche M, Chandler E, Roser B.

Title: Establishing systems for mental health nursing supervision and training.

Researchers: Keller A, Sara G.

Title: Developing a responsive, GP focused mental health triage and assessment service.

Researchers: Mottaghipour Y, Bickerton A.

Title: Developing family education groups for first episode psychosis.

Researcher: Sara G.

Title: Developing post-institutional service models for contemporary community psychiatry.

Researchers: Sara G, Gomez F, Keller A, Morgan H, Minto G, Tyrell R, et al.

Title: Developing systems for treating anxiety and depression from the GP surgery.

Speech Pathology

The Speech Pathology Department continued its research in the areas of Neuro-psycho-linguistic aspects of language disorder in acquired and degenerative disorders in adult patients; outcomes in dysphagia; clinical management tools and multicultural aspects of patient care.

Research Statement

Researcher: Gupta G.

Title: Working with linguistically and culturally diverse adult dysphasic – problems and solutions.

Researchers: Gupta J, Dumont M.

Title: Outcomes in dysphagia – A multi-dimensional approach.

Researchers: Gupta J, Hand L, O'Sullivan P, Plumer K, Mackaway K, Young W, et al.

Title: Resources for linguistically and culturally diverse populations: A Sydney survey.

Researchers: Gupta J, Nathan T, Fisher M, Bruce T.

Title: Computerisation of modified barium swallow study reporting.

Researchers: Gupta J, Ryan M, Cupples L.

Title: Fluctuations in sentence comprehension – case study.



A Speech Pathologist reviews results from a modified barium swallow as part of a research project.

Urology

The Urology Department and the Continence/Stomal department at Sutherland Hospital continued their collaborative research with other departments, including Southcare Continence Department and St George Hospital Urology Department. An ongoing project aims to compare procedure specific complication rates and costs associated with home-based versus hospital-based intervention at first and subsequent Supre Pubic Catheter (SPC) change. Key indicators measured were difficulty with removal and reinsertion of the SPC, degree of bleeding, and apparent discomfort. Preliminary results indicate that first change of SPC, performed in the patient's home or outpatient setting by appropriately skilled registered nurses, is a safe and cost effective practice.

Research Statement

Researchers: Anderson P, Walsh J, Louey M, Meade C, Fairbrother G.

Title: Should first supre pubic catheter change be performed in a home or hospital setting? A preliminary comparison of procedure-specific complications.

Vascular Surgery

A study of the management of leg ulcers was undertaken to determine the extent of the problem of venous ulceration, and to examine methods of management by community nursing services.

Published Works

Refereed Journal Articles

Hyde C, Bagia S, McMullin G. Management of Leg Ulcers. ANZJ Phlebology 2000;4(1):11-15.

