



Benzodiazepine Reduction Programs in General Practice

GPs | Pharmacists | Nurses | Alcohol and Other Drug sector workers

Benzodiazepines are widely used and one of the most commonly misused classes of pharmaceutical drugs in Australia, with concerns increasing in regards to both misuse and dependence. This event will discuss benzodiazepine prescribing practices, dependency, associated harms, and reduction programs.

“Clients in drug treatment services reporting unsanctioned use of benzodiazepines highlighted medical practitioners as their main source for obtaining benzodiazepines” – Medical Journal of Australia

Presenters

Dr. Paul MacCartney -

An experienced Alcohol and Other Drug GP, RACGP presenter, pharmacotherapy prescriber and GP Mentor – cohealth, Fitzroy.

Dr. Sebastian Jungnickel -

An Advanced Addiction Psychiatry Registrar, working for Drug Health Services - Western Hospital, Footscray.

Erin Oldenhof -

Benzodiazepine counsellor supporting people with dependency to reduce or cease use – Reconnexion, Malvern.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise benzodiazepine dependence and the associated harms and risks
- Implement safe and effective benzodiazepine prescribing, tapering and treatment protocols, as part of a broader management plan
- Respond effectively to drug seeking behaviours in general practice
- Utilise available resources and services to assist with benzodiazepine presentations in general practice

Event Details

Please note that the session is held from 7pm to 9pm – registration and light catering from 6:30pm.

Date: Wednesday, 26th July 2017

Venue: Manningham Function Centre, Room 2, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster VIC 3108.

Car Parking

Free onsite car parking (access from Hummell Way and Doncaster Road)

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