



Risk Assessment & Management Symposium: Shared Learning in Practice



**The Symposium is a Collaboration Between
UniSA's Mental Health Research Group and SA
Health's Acute Unit Matters.**

**Bradley Forum
Level 5, Hawke Building, 50-55 North Terrace
UniSA's City West Campus, Adelaide
10th March 2011**



***Risk assessment and management
in mental health is recognised worldwide
as a significant clinical issue in our times***

Risk Management is an integral and complex part of professional health practice. It is argued that the complexity of mental health risk assessment and management requires further research and discussion in an interdisciplinary environment. The complexity of mental health related concerns in both society and professional practice is central for mental health practitioners being able to negotiate and communicate risk.

This symposium will contemplate critical themes, debates and opportunities for shared learning related to risk for people with mental health problems and mental illness. The Symposium will highlight interventions using clinical practice, illustrative case studies and research experiences from practitioners. During the presentations and discussions, particular attention will be given to learning in practice. Each presenter will explain how practice experience can contribute to deeper understanding of risk assessment and management in mental health. The presentations from SA Health clinicians will focus on metropolitan and country health settings, adult and older persons' contexts. These will be supplemented by key note addresses from invited external speakers.

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Thursday, 10 March, 2011

Morning Program

8.45am	Registration (tea/coffee on arrival)	Bradley Forum
9.25	Welcome and Acknowledgements	
9.30	Introduction Professor Nicholas Procter (Co-Chair)	
9.40	Keynote Address Mr Anthony Schapel Deputy State Coroner <i>What Can We Learn When Things Don't Go Well?</i>	
10.00	Ms Annette Jones <i>Themes From RCA Recommendations. Adverse Events: What We Have Learnt?</i>	
10.20	Dr Andrew Champion and Ms Lesley Legg <i>The Risks of Risk Assessment and Risk Training</i>	
10.40	Morning Tea	
11.00	Dr Saibal Guha and Mr Mark Leach <i>A Country Hospital Case Presentation</i>	
11.20	Ms Deb O'Kane <i>Risk Management in an Acute Inpatient Unit for Older People</i>	
11.40	Ms Enaam Oudih <i>Does Cultural Competency Really Exist?</i>	
12.00	Panel Discussion <i>Invited Panel Members</i> <i>Mr Matthew Halpin, Acting Senior Peer Specialist, Acute and Rehabilitation Services</i> <i>Ms Barbara Doogue, Consumer Specialist Worker, Wondakka Community Rehabilitation Centre</i> <i>and Presenters from the Morning Session</i> <i>Discussion facilitated by Dr Andrea Gordon, Research Fellow</i>	
12.30	Lunch	

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Afternoon Program

1.10 Mr Phillip Galley (Co-Chair)

1.15 Keynote Address
Dr Craig Raeside
The Top Five: A Forensic Psychiatrists View on Risk Management

1.40 Dr Conrad Newman
*How to Sleep Better At Night (most nights). Some Practical Pointers
From an ED Psychiatrist*

2.00 Ms Ann McElroy and Mr Philip Galley
Managing Risk Through Community Engagement

2.20 Dr Michael Dudley
Chairperson of Suicide Prevention Australia
*Crisis Response and the Role of Emergency Services and First
Responders to Suicide and Suicide Attempts*

2.40 Afternoon Tea

3.00 Ms Julie Murison and Mr Adrian Jackson
*What We Have Learnt About Our Own Practices Through
Engagement With Research Around Risk*

3.20 Mr Tony Halczuk
What We Are Learning When Things Go Well In Our Practice

3.40 Panel Discussion
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4.15 Closing Remarks
Mr Philip Galley and Professor Nicholas Procter

4.30 Symposium Close

The Risk Assessment and Management Symposium has been planned as a partnership between Acute Unit Matters and UniSA

The **Acute Unit Matters** initiative is part of SA Health Operations. The initiative aims to strengthen the capacity of the acute sector of State mental health services to provide care and treatment to those consumers who are most unwell. At its inception in August 2009, the Acute Unit Matters initiative set “Seven acute priorities” or areas of focus. Four of these have particular relevance to Risk Assessment and Risk Management:

- Induction, Capability and Competency – building and strengthening the complex skills set required of staff within a modern-day acute mental health setting.
- Assessment and Care Planning – ensuring that the assessment of a consumer’s needs is reflected in a treatment or management plan which everyone involved can understand and access.
- “Stepping Down and Stepping Up” – providing the right level of care or treatment “at the right time”, when a person needs it most.
- Working with Co-morbidities - Initiating and supporting consistent approaches to co-morbidity assessments and brief interventions within the acute inpatient setting, in relation to drug and alcohol, intellectual disability and physical health needs.

Further information is available from Philip Galley, Clinical MH Nursing Director with CHSA, at philip.galley@health.sa.gov.au

The **UniSA Mental Health Research Group** is an inter-disciplinary group of clinicians and UniSA researchers actively engaged in the conduct of research across a wide spectrum of mental health related areas. The group works collaboratively with consumers, clinicians and managers to advance multidisciplinary research, knowledge transfer and community engagement in mental health. This work has been fruitful; it has guided success and delivered fresh confidence in how much mental health clinicians and academic faculty can achieve working in partnership. That confidence has been reinforced by tangible outcomes concerned with practical and theoretical dimensions of mental health, risk and vulnerability, suicide prevention and social inclusion. New members are welcome. Please contact Professor Procter for more information nicholas.procter@unisa.edu.au or 08 8302 2148.



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