

Workshop on the prevalence of mental illness in people with an intellectual disability and an overview of the issues in undertaking a mental health assessment in this population

Presenters

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Context

The psychiatry of intellectual disability is relatively unknown in Australia and this workshop aims to provide participants with an introduction to the area. The workshop will employ group discussion and exercises around cases supplemented by power point presentations to illustrate the major themes.

Aim

The workshop aims to improve participants understanding of the prevalence of mental disorders in people with an intellectual disability and some of the issues that complicate the assessment process.

Learning objectives

The workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the following:

- The nature of intellectual disability
- Risk factors for mental disorders in people with intellectual disability
- Barriers to health care for people with intellectual disability
- Classification and assessment issues
- Pathoplastic factors.