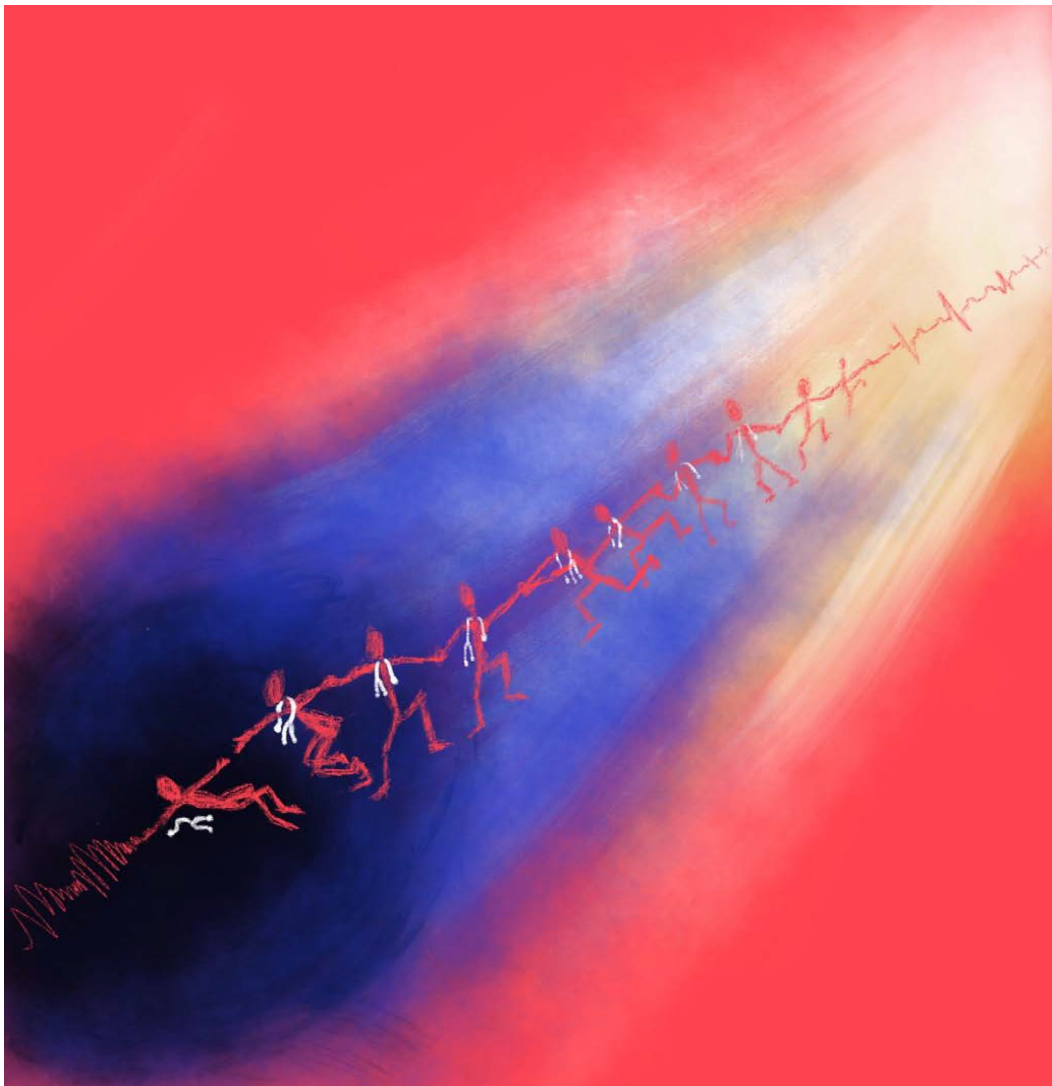


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Doctors' Health Advisory Service – DHAS WA (formerly Colleague of First Contact)	
<p>For Doctors in crisis, or not sure where to go for help with personal or health problems. This totally confidential 24 hr health service is available to all Doctors and Medical Students. It can be contacted by the person themselves, or by a concerned family member, friend, colleague or staff member. Callers do not need to identify themselves. It consists of a panel of experienced male and female GPs, and is independent, reporting back to no medical organisation. Calls are exempt from the mandatory reporting requirements of the Medical Board of Australia.</p> <p>Problems dealt with include stress, depression, suicidal thought, substance use disorders, grief or concerns about illness. Sometimes the contact can be about impaired performance in a colleague. The panel GPs usually discuss the options available to callers when they are faced with a dilemma, or advise the caller on the most appropriate referral services.</p> <p>Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week</p>	
Phone	(08) 9321 3098
Website	http://www.dhaswa.com.au/

Personal GP	
<p>It is recommended all medical students and doctors have their own GP. If you do not know any GPs then it may be helpful to ask family or friends for a recommendation. If you are new to a suburb then the local pharmacist will know who the GPs in the area are. If you are having difficulty finding a GP or have special health needs then you can ring DHAS WA for a recommendation.</p> <p>The DHASWA website contains a list of GPs and Psychiatrists with an interest in Doctors health who are willing to prioritise appointments for Doctors and Medical Students. The Health Engine website also has a fairly comprehensive listing of GPs.</p>	
DHAS WA	http://www.dhaswa.com.au/
Health Engine	https://healthengine.com.au/

Hospital Internal Services	
<p>Most hospitals and health services have a range of resources to help support their medical staff who are feeling stressed or have physical or mental health problems. Contact your hospital's Medical Education unit for details. Their staff are also available if you want to have a confidential chat about a range of issues, both professional and personal (this is available to junior and senior doctors). Doctors may also contact their Occupational Health department for assistance.</p> <p>Most health services also offer an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to their employees. The EAP is intended to help you deal with personal or work-related problems that might be having a negative effect on your health, well-being or work performance. WA health service employees may access five sessions with an external counsellor for free. This professional, independent and confidential service is available 24/7. The employing organisation is not informed of who uses the program. For WA Country Health Service (WACHS) employees see the WACHS website for details of your site EAP provider.</p>	

Employee Assistance Programs for metropolitan WA health service employees		
Converge International	Phone	1800 687 327
	Website	http://www.convergeinternational.com.au/
Optum	Phone	1300 361 008
	Website	http://www.optum.com.au/

Junior doctor websites	
<p>JMO Health is a website developed by the Doctors' Health Advisory Service of NSW to promote the health and wellbeing of junior doctors and contains many useful resources including self-assessment tools and tips to reduce stress.</p> <p>The Postgraduate Medical Council of WA (PMCWA) has produced some support guides for junior doctors that are available on their website.</p>	
JMO Health	http://www.jmohealth.org.au/
PMCWA	http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/About-us/Postgraduate-Medical-Council/Education-and-Training/Medical-Education-Officers

Specialist Colleges
<p>Most specialist Colleges offer a range of resources and supports for their members who are stressed or have mental health problems. See your specialist College website for details.</p>

Welfare of Anaesthetists Special Interest Group for Anaesthetists and Anaesthetists in Training	
<p>Welfare Officers are in place at each teaching hospital Anaesthetic Department. The WA contact for this group is</p>	
Phone	08 6188 4555 (WA Branch), 0423 633 189 (Dr Marion Funke)
Website	http://www.anzca.edu.au/fellows/special-interest-groups/welfare-of-anaesthetists/introduction.html

General Practitioners	
<p>The RACGP website provides extensive online resources on wellbeing. RACGP also offers "GP support" to its members. This 24/7 service provides access to free advice and up to three counselling session.</p>	
Website	https://www.racgp.org.au/running-a-practice/practice-management/business-operations/gp-wellbeing
GP support	1300 361 008

Rural Health West Family Support Program	
<p>For rural and remote West Australian medical and health professionals, and their families.</p> <p><i>Health and Wellbeing:</i> A resource to assist rural health professionals find personal, clinical and professional support services in Western Australia.</p>	
Phone	6389 4500
Website	http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/familysupport
Health and Wellbeing	http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/general-practice/family/health-and-wellbeing

Medical students	
<p>AMSA has great on-line resources for medical students who are stressed or experiencing mental health issues.</p>	
Website	https://mentalhealth.amsa.org.au/

Lifeline	
<p>Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to online, phone and face-to-face crisis support and suicide prevention services.</p>	
Phone	13 11 14
Website	https://www.lifeline.org.au/Get-Help/Online-Services/crisis-chat

Beyond Blue	
Beyond Blue is a 24/7 service that assists people who are experiencing anxiety, depression or any other issues. A trained mental health professional will take your call, listen to you, offer support and point you in the right direction.	
Phone	1300 224 636
Website	https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support

Alcohol and Drug Support Line	
The Alcohol and Drug Support Line is a confidential, non-judgmental telephone counselling, information and referral service for anyone seeking help for their own or another person's alcohol or drug use.	
Phone	(08) 9442 5000 (Metro) or 1800 198 024 (Country)
Website	https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/about-us/our-services/alcohol-and-drug-support-service/alcohol-and-drug-support-line/

Australasian Doctors' Health Network	
For a contact list of doctors' health service providers in different states	
Website	http://www.adhn.org.au/

Heads Up	
Information, action plans and useful links promoting the mental health of doctors and medical students.	
Website	https://www.headsup.org.au/creating-a-mentally-healthy-workplace/taking-action/promoting-the-mental-health-of-doctors-and-medical-students

Medical Board of Australia	
Useful and important information regarding notifications and good practice.	
Guidelines for mandatory notifications	
Good Medical Practice – A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia, Section 9 – Ensuring Doctors' Health	

Australian Medical Association	
Useful resources, articles, reports and links for doctors' wellbeing.	
Website	https://ama.com.au/resources/doctors-health

Further information	
Further information on Doctor's health in Australia may be obtained from the following sites.	
Australasian Doctors' Health Network	http://www.adhn.org.au/
Doctors Health Services	https://www.drs4drs.com.au/

The Doctors' Health Advisory Service in WA (DHAS WA) has compiled this paper. For queries about the paper, or to add resource information to this list, contact manager@dhaswa.com.au. Members of DHAS WA are also available to give talks to medical groups on Doctors health.