Doctors caring for colleagues

Caring for the doctor-as-patient can be both rewarding and challenging

f you have doctors in your patient base, you've likely experienced some of the rewards of the successful doctor-as-patient relationships – working with patients with high health literacy and (usually) the financial ability to access care; gaining insight into challenges faced by various clinical disciplines; and combining evidence-based practice and knowledge of the health system to fast-track optimal care.

You've also possibly encountered some of the challenges in working with doctors-as-patients, such as differentiating between burnout, depression and work-related trauma; supporting the junior doctor in the current hospital environment; understanding and responding to cognitive change and acceptance of care in the older doctor; managing the doctor who is acutely unwell or suicidal; providing postvention support; and identifying medico-legal matters of special significance to doctors-as-patients.

Caring for Colleagues is a training day aimed at exploring these issues from an evidence and consensus base, and providing a framework for care of the doctor-as-patient. We will join doctors' health services across Australia to hear from national experts on these topics, with ample time for discussion on our WA perspective on these issues.

The resources, relationships and networks DHASWA has created will be discussed to help treat doctor-patients to the best standard in WA. This is a great opportunity to engage with like-minded colleagues and share experiences. We look to forward to seeing you on the day, and hope to offer ongoing education and peer support opportunities for doctors caring for colleagues in the future.

Whether you are new to treating doctors-as-patients or experienced in the field, we'd love you to join us. Email manager@dhaswa.com.au or scan the QR Code below for information on how to register. ■



2023 CARING FOR COLLEAGUES

The Doctors' Health Advisory Service WA (DHASWA) is excited to share an exciting CPD opportunity in doctors' health. The newly incepted Doctors' Health Alliance will present their 'Caring for Colleagues' Workshop on Saturday 23 September. The hybrid online and face-to-face hub format will feature experienced clinicians in the national doctors' health space, as well as local case discussion and networking.

Date

September 23, 2023

Time

7:45 am for 8:00 am Start AWST

Location

UWA J Robin Warren Library

Price \$120.00



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