Interpersonal aspects of patient care: The Older person & General Practice Registrars

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is an ongoing, multi-method investigation into older patients’ attitudes to GPRs. The initial two phases of the investigation was funded by CoastCityCountry Training (CCCT) and included a literature review (Bonney, Phillipson et al. 2009) and a qualitative study (Bonney, Phillipson et al. 2009). From the findings the authors recommended that to improve the engagement of GPRs with older patients, the three-way nature of the GP-patient-GPR relationship needed to be recognised. Models of shared responsibility for care between GPs/GPRs were proposed as means of achieving this, thus improving patient acceptance of GPRs for chronic disease management.