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 aiming to generate knowledge to assist in the development of effective and acceptable models of older patient–registrar interaction. The initial two phases of the investigation were funded by CoastCityCountry Training (CCCT) and included a literature review (Bonney, Phillipson et al. 2009) and a qualitative study (Bonney, Phillipson et al. 2009). The third phase of the investigation, funded by the Centre for Health Initiatives (CHI), was a regional cross-sectional survey (Bonney, Jones et al. 2010), followed by a factor analysis of the data (Bonney, Magee et al. Unpublished). The fourth phase, funded by CCCT, is an inter-state cross-sectional survey, for which data collection has been completed and analysis is underway. The project thus far has indicated that GP registrar-GP shared care for older patients with chronic illnesses has the potential to provide high quality, acceptable management for older patients whilst facilitating valuable learning experiences for registrars.