

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HPSAANZ Monthly Professional Development

Dr Fiona Miles 15th August 6.30pm



Navigating emotions in a paediatric intensive care unit.

Navigating emotions in a paediatric intensive care unit is challenging. This talk will give an overview of the issues relating to these emotions, and discuss what works (and what does not!) based on Fiona’s experience in intensive care.



Dr Martin Chadwick 5th September 7.00pm

Creating confidence in the value added of a complex health system

Healthcare is complex. The reforms that we are about to embark on reflects that systems do not always allow for the care that people within the system desire to deliver. This is made all the more difficult being a small profession that is not always universally understood. The intent of this presentation is to reflect on the role of Chief Allied Health Professions Officer within the Ministry of Health, the approaches that have been taken to raise the profile of the Allied Health professions, and in turn what they mean for Hospital Play Specialists. Specifically we will look at how to take the uniqueness of what the profession does and articulate clearly how it adds value in the now, and how it could add further value as we move towards Health New Zealand



Elizabeth Van der Werff 28th September 7.00pm

Child Life international speaker



Child Life Abroad

The Role of Child Life Specialists in an International Setting

I went to Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana where I got a degree in Family and Child Studies with a concentration in child life. I then moved to Fort Worth, Texas where I completed a 650 hour internship at Cook Children’s Hospital. After that I moved to NYC where I helped develop a child life program in the Pediatric Emergency Care Center at NYU. After a few years there I moved to Doha, Qatar to help develop a program in the first dedicated women and children’s hospital in the region. After 4 years there, I have now moved to Abu Dhabi where I am developing another child life program in a long term care facility. I am married to a kiwi and love New Zealand. I am hoping to settle there with him eventually when we feel we are done with life abroad.

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Sharlene Clements Pre recorded

available to watch from 12th September

Establishing a day care with a difference

Kindhands is based on providing quality Early Childhood Education and Respite Care for children with medical needs and or a disability. The service is inclusive and equity is at the core of everything we do at Kindhands. “It is my belief that any child can be ANYTHING they want to be”.



Sarah Moore 17th October 12pm

Sensory Modulation

This presentation will explore sensory modulation – what it is and how we can incorporate it into our practice to support children (or adults) with sensory sensitivities.



Stephan Parkinson 28th November 7pm

Spirit in a world of emotions: The role of spiritual care in supporting sick children.

Children have a profound need for authentic caring connection, to feel safe in a scary world, and they wrestle with emotionally overwhelming themes such as ‘why is this happening to me?’ and ‘what will happen when I die?’ Being alongside a child with serious health issues, challenging questions and intense emotions also impacts on us as health professionals. It best serves a child when we are able to



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