



NICS-MELBOURNE HEALTH FELLOW 2009

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Implementation Project:

Improving the management of nicotine withdrawal in Melbourne Health's inpatients.

One in five Australians smoke despite the fact that it is the single greatest cause of preventable death and illness in Australia. Although evidence suggests that people are receptive to accept help to quit smoking when admitted to hospital for a smoking related illness, this help is not routinely offered in all hospitals.

In order to support inpatients wishing to cease smoking while in the smoke free environment of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Mr Frank will develop and implement a customised guide to prescribing nicotine replacement therapies (NRT). A range of these drug therapies exist and can improve the chance of successful quitting by reducing the impact of nicotine withdrawal. Mr Frank will deliver education and tools to staff to support correct and consistent prescribing of NRT across the hospital.

Funding Partner:

Mr Frank's Fellowship is supported by Melbourne Health.

Melbourne Health is a major public health provider in Victoria, Australia. They provide comprehensive acute, sub-acute and community-based health care programs to about one-third of metropolitan Melbourne's population, as well as general and specialist services to regional and rural Victorians and statewide services.

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