

PACTS Newsletter

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PACTS: An innovative Primary care program Advancing Competency To Support family violence survivors

The PACTS Project

PACTS is a project which aims to improve learning and teaching on family violence in pre-vocational Australian primary health care courses in order to better equip graduates with the skills to intervene, and consequently improve patient/client access to services.



Above: Image from the 'Paramedic Best Practice Encounter' video developed for PACTS.

(Monash University) using the PACTS online resource, and to be able to participate with them through the discussion forum. Early evaluation comments from the students are providing the PACTS team with invaluable feedback for further improvements to the resource modules.

A "big thank you" from the PACTS team to all the students who have taken the time to assist us.

Other highlights

During the first quarter of 2014, the PACTS team worked with an external web-design company who assisted in developing the online presentation for the PACTS learning package.

On 24 February 2014 we held another PACTS research team and expert panel meeting. Representative from our PACTS disciplines and partner universities, as well as from relevant community family violence advocacy and support agencies, attended. The event provided an opportunity for us to review the work to date, including a viewing of some of the videos developed for the PACTS project, and consider approaches to upcoming tasks.

Highlights

The PACTS online learning resource is up and running at Monash!

PACTS Piloting

Piloting of the PACTS online package with Monash university healthcare students commenced in April 2014.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who provided us with feedback following our last PACTS Newsletter (January 2014). We value your thoughts and suggestions so please keep them coming.

The biggest highlight of the year has been to see paramedic, social work and medical students

The PACTS Online Learning Package

We are pleased to announce that we have finalised the PACTS online learning package for piloting with Monash University students.

PACTS Package

The PACTS package comprises:

- six online learning modules;
 - online characters created to guide students through the modules;
 - videos depicting acted survivor stories, professional champions accounts, and best practice encounters;
 - mini online 'lectures';
 - links to relevant material;
 - discussion forums;
 - online quizzes and self reflection activities;
- and much more.

Upcoming work

Here are some of the tasks the PACTS team will be involved with over the next few months:

- continue piloting the PACTS online learning resource with Monash University healthcare students to get feedback from teachers and students;
- prepare for piloting the PACTS online learning resource with the PACTS partner universities;
- continue with planning for "where to next" – the team would value your ideas.

Farewell

In March 2014 we said farewell to Ms Crystal Bruton. Crystal joined the team to write the course content for the online learning package and assist with the development of video resources for the package. These tasks have been completed so it is a good time to thank Crystal for all her hard work on the PACTS project, and wish her well as she completes her PhD.

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2. A Victorian Women's Trust Special Grant supported the development of video resources for this project.

Input invited

The PACTS project team asks for your support in the dissemination of the developed learning package. If you have any ideas about this, or know of opportunities for improving project dissemination, please contact the Project Coordinator, Heather McKay by telephone (03) 9905 0546, or email:

heather.mckay@monash.edu.

Want to be involved?

- ✓ Pass on the newsletter to your colleagues, especially those involved in family violence teaching;
- ✓ Give us feedback on module content;
- ✓ Let us know your ideas for sharing the resource with colleagues.

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From Jan Coles and the PACTS team



Above: Dr Deborah Western (Monash University) and Associate Professor Christine Phillips (Australian National University) at the PACTS research team and expert panel meeting held 24 Feb. 2014.

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