

Postgraduate Research Project available for 2010 onwards (MPhil or PhD)

Occupational Burnout among Medical Imaging Professionals

Burnout is a common occurrence among Health Care professionals. The ongoing interaction with patients and their associated psychological, physical and social problems can expose such professionals to potentially more stress than other professions. Stress can then become chronic and lead to burnout which can have negative implications for the individual, the patients in their care and the provision of effective health care. Previous studies have identified that medical radiation professionals may experience increased levels of stress at the workplace but there have been very few studies in Australia to address this issue.

The Department of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences at Monash University in conjunction with the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA is conducting a survey on burnout among professionals in the Medical Radiation field across Australia. The project is conducted under the supervision of Dr Michal Schneider-Kolsky, Deputy Head and Senior Lecturer at the Dept of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences at Monash University and A/Prof Robert Adams at the University of North Carolina.

The project will survey radiographers, sonographers, radiation therapists and nuclear medicine professionals in the first instance and later on include radiologists and radiation oncologists. This project can be structured and undertaken according to the student's needs and interest.

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