

POSTER PRESENTERS & OVERVIEWS



Preparing First Year Paramedic Students to Cope with Stress and Stressors Associated with Their First Ambulance Placement

This poster will be of interest to clinical practice educators and paramedic students. Stress was perceived as useful when students needed to focus on a clinical task, however students also reported on adverse emotional, psychological, financial and academic stress. Other significant sources of stress included underdeveloped mentoring skills of clinical placement supervisors that negatively impacted students learning, and hierarchical power imbalances that contributed to a reduced sense of belongingness and an inability to speak up or express emotions. These findings from this study have implications for students, educators, clinicians and stakeholders involved in curricula development and organisational policy.

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Prior to moving to Australia in 2015, Matt spent 10 years working in the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Matt has extensive experience in both paramedic and nursing Higher Education (HE) programs, and previously held the position of program leader for the undergraduate BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science (London) at the University of Greenwich, UK. Matt now coordinates courses in the areas of clinical leadership, mentorship, ethics and law. He has recently submitted his PhD which explored how first year student paramedics experience stress on their first ambulance placement.



It takes a system. Exploring novel models of paramedicine within the Anglo-American paramedic system.

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Do body worn cameras reduce the incidence of occupational violence towards paramedics? – A systematic review.

Occupational violence is highly prevalent in healthcare and can have significant consequences for all whom it affects, including paramedics. Paramedics have been exposed to an increasing frequency of occupational violence in recent years accompanied by increased media and political attention. Body worn cameras have been widely publicised intervention touted to reduce the incidence of occupational violence against paramedics. These cameras are relatively new and widely trialled, however are not without significant cost and implementation requirements. Our systematic review aimed to evaluate the impact of body worn cameras in reducing occupational violence against paramedics in a civilian context.

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