

JOURNEY TO DEVELOPING AN INNOVATIVE MODEL OF CARE FOR NURSE LED CLINICS

Abstract: As the HIV epidemic evolves so do the models of care required to respond to the changing needs of those affected by HIV. Nurses at the coal face of clinical care are in an ideal position to adapt and evolve their models of care as HIV moves along a chronic disease trajectory. In response to wider health care reforms, nursing roles in general are evolving with an increased uptake of those transitioning to nurse practitioner roles and the Government proposal to introduce a pathway to nurse prescriber roles by 2018. This presentation will reflect on the adaptability of nursing care in the HIV sector and discuss the development of two novel approaches to providing HIV care; one being a collaborative nurse led rural HIV prevention clinic and the other being a hybrid medical/ nursing model aimed at increasing engagement in HIV care within a metropolitan tertiary hospital.