

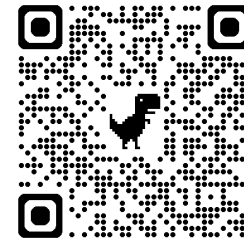
Student paramedic stigma towards people who use drugs: first-year results of a three-year longitudinal study

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Methods

- Three (now four!) year longitudinal study of paramedic students across Australia
- Participants complete the Jefferson Scale of Empathy (Health Professions Student Version) and Medical Condition Regard Scale at the beginning of their studies and then at the completion of each year

Initial Results

- 130 initial surveys, 80 follow-ups
- No change in JSE-HPS or MCRS scores
- No influence of gender, age, previous experience or professional placement on results
- BUT cohort has less stigma than historical controls