**Presentation title**

Strengthening the Capacity of GPs to Address Alcohol and Other Drug Use

**Presentation outline**

*Background*

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) use causes significant harms to individuals and communities and is part of every GP’s scope of practice. Yet accessible, evidence-based professional development education that uses a person-centred framework for treatment in general practice settings has not been widely available. The RACGP AOD GP Education Program (the Program), funded by the Commonwealth Government Department of Health, was developed to fill this gap, assisting GPs to better support and treat patients experiencing harms related to substance use.

The Program suits GPs at all career stages and offers comprehensive skills-based education to enhance AOD consultation skills and clinical knowledge. The Program is peer delivered; ‘by GPs for GPs’. It enlists a person-centred, strengths-based approach, building on GPs’ established skillset of holistic care and chronic disease management.

The training is tailored via five different pathways, two of which reimbursed RACGP members upon completion. Since April 2020 over 3000 RACGP member participants have completed the training.

**Learning outcomes**

*Purpose*

This poster will:

* Describe the RACGP AOD Education Program, including the innovative strategies used to engage and train GPs in its delivery.
* Outline the profile of GP participants, including geographic location and remoteness; and the ‘at risk’ patient groups they support.
* Describe the participant’s experience, including satisfaction, relevance to practice, impact on confidence to support patients who use AOD.
* Describe the Program’s legacy including education modules, tools and resources that GPs can access and how to share these resources with others.

*So what?*

This poster will help inform the development of future innovative GP education programs and build the capacity for GPs to address AOD use.

**How will delegates be involved throughout this presentation?**

This poster will direct delegates to resources and training that build capacity for GPs to address drug and alcohol use.

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