**Presentation title**

The barriers and enablers of healthcare assessment (HA) delivery in older Australians

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A better understanding of patient and clinician perspectives of HAs will enable the development of targeted education resources to improve uptake of HAs and optimise items covered within a HA.

**Take home message**

* HAs provide an opportunity for general practitioners (GPs) to monitor chronic disease and psychosocial problems.
* Clinician perspectives will facilitate improved delivery of HAs.
* Patient perspectives will optimise items covered within HAs.

**Background**

HAs were introduced as a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item available for at risk patients including older people, to have their health comprehensively monitored by their GP, with the optional aid of a practice nurse (PN) or Aboriginal liaison officer (ALO) to assess risk factors for chronic disease and psychosocial problems, often overlooked in shorter consultations. Two forms of HAs are available for GPs to perform annually, HAs for non-Indigenous older Australians aged >75 years (75+ HA) and for Indigenous Australians aged >55 years (55+ IHA).

**Aim / Hypothesis**

The present study will explore the perspectives of older Australians undertaking HAs (75+ HA and 55+ IHA) and clinician perspectives (GPs, PNs, ALOs) to enhance the items covered within the HA and develop targeted education resources to improve uptake of HAs.

**Method**

A qualitative study design incorporating narrative inquiry will be performed inviting patients (75+HA and 55+IHAs) who have undergone HAs in rural, metropolitan and Aboriginal health clinics and clinicians will also be interviewed.

**Results**

Thematic analysis evaluating audio recordings from semi-structured interviews will be critically appraised and key themes presented.

**Discussion**

Delivery of 75+HA is associated with a lower risk of mortality, enables identification of risk factors, and improves patient satisfaction (Visvanathan et al., 2020).

**Conclusion**

An understanding of the barriers and enablers of HAs will improve healthcare delivery for older Australians.