Each month we present transcultural mental health topics within two complementary streams – Stream 1, focusing on clinical practice and Stream 2, on community and research perspectives.

For many mental health professionals, community and allied service staff, carers and consumers, both streams will provide specialised information and an important opportunity to discuss topical issues in an informal atmosphere.

The meetings have a significant patient care focus with emphasis on assessment and treatment in addition to relevant background knowledge of our culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) society.
STREAM 1
Cultural perspectives in clinical practice
Stream 1 is a continuation of the clinically focused program run in previous years. Each session includes a presentation from a clinician in the field, a case study presented by a St Vincent’s Hospital psychiatry registrar, and discussion. These seminars will be run on the second Wednesday of the month from 4-6pm unless otherwise stated.

STREAM 2
Community work and research in transcultural mental health
This parallel stream is designed to focus on relevant community issues and research. It complements the clinical content of Stream 1 and continues from its successful introduction in 2002. Stream 2 concentrates on innovative models of culturally sensitive practice, relevant research findings and discussion of mental health issues in culturally diverse communities. These seminars will be run on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 4-6pm unless otherwise stated.

STREAM 1
Generational changes in culture case studies from Hong Kong & Turkey
Dr Roger Chau Consultant Psychiatrist, Private practice
Dr Can Tuncer Consultant Psychiatrist & VTPU
Case Presentation Psychiatry registrar, Dr Daina Rumbergs

Home visits for refugee families
Dr David Kruse Consultant Psychiatrist, Austin Repatriation Hospital
Case Presentation Psychiatry registrar, Dr Patrick O’Brien

Wednesday, July 16, 4-6pm
Wednesday, August 13, 4-6pm

STREAM 2
The psychological impact of ‘permanent’ temporary protection
Dr Fethi Mansouri Julian Littler Deakin University, School of Social & International Studies

Taking a risk values, luck and chance
Kai Wong Manningham Community Health Centre
Judy Chow-Fairhall Consultant Psychologist
Diane Gabb VTPU

Wednesday, August 27, 4-6pm

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AUGUST

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SEMMESTER 2, 2003

Medications and substances prescriptions and khat
Dr Tim Lambert
Ethnopsychopharmacology, The University of Melbourne
Said Aden
MPH student, Latrobe University
Case Presentation
Psychiatry registrar, Dr Lorien Porter

Wednesday
September 3, 4-6pm

The translation of assessment instruments
Rene Grypma
Psychologist, Adelaide
Case Presentation
Psychiatry registrar, Dr Kevin Ong

Wednesday, October 15, 4-6pm

Near-death experiences a transcultural approach
Dr Mahendra Perera
Consultant Psychiatrist, North West AMHS
Case Presentation
Psychiatry registrar, Dr Anita George

Wednesday, November 12, 4-6pm

Drug and alcohol issues for CALD consumers with a mental illness
Turning Point
Drug & Alcohol Service
St Vincents Hospital

Wednesday, September 17, 4-6pm

Nursing and transcultural models in psychiatric settings
Dr Wendy Cross
Southern Health AMHS
Robyn Garlick
Western Aged Mental Health
Tony Blanco
VTPU & St Vincents Hospital

Wednesday, October 29, 4-6pm

Mental illness concepts in the Somali community current findings from research in progress
Dr Marion Bailes
PhD student, VTPU

Wednesday, November 26, 4-6pm

Level 2, Bolte Wing, St. Vincent’s Hospital, 14 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy
Advancing the quality and accessibility of mental health services to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.