## MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCED SKILLS ROLE + MODEL OF SERVICE DELIVERY

### SETTING
- General practice
- Hospital
- Primary health care centers
- Community controlled health services
- Other

### FOCUS OF CARE & INFLUENCE
- Patients
- Community
- Colleagues
- Health service/practice

### ROLE

- Enhance **access** to mental health care in rural/remote communities
- Deliver **quality** mental health care to rural/remote communities

**By providing**
- **Holistic**, high quality, primary and emergency medical care as a generalist including participation in on-call duties, supervision and support of trainees
- **Expert management** of mental illness and substance related presentations across emergency and primary care settings including delivery of psychological therapies and interventions
- Participation in mental health specific clinics eg. clozapine, opiate substitute program prescribing
- **Co-ordination and integration** of care in consultation with community/tertiary/allied mental health and general medical services
- **Building capacity and skills** of medical and allied colleagues
- Development/review of relevant hospital protocols, policies and design
- Foster a **patient centered and recovery focused approach** to mental health and alcohol and other drug clients within the health service and community
- Facilitate application of mental health legislation and guidelines locally
- Advocacy and promotion of **future development** of mental health services, building **community resilience and social capital**
- Development of/participation in, community programs addressing specific community need, focused on prevention, reducing stigma and promotion of mental health literacy
- Opportunities for additional scope of extended practice, including roles in management, education and research

### KEY CONNECTIONS
- Community mental health service
  - Adult
  - Child and youth
  - Alcohol & other drugs
- Tertiary mental health service
  - Consultant psychiatrist
  - Psychiatry registrar
  - Peer review group
- Private psychiatric/substance related specialists and facilities
- Multidisciplinary allied mental health services (eg. psychology, social Work, nursing etc.)
- Community and government service providers
- Community organisations and stakeholders eg. Police/Citizens Youth Club, Returned Services League, local council

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