

Parkinson's care



POSTGRADUATE UNIT OF STUDY

This postgraduate unit of study is designed for health professionals who care for people diagnosed with both typical and atypical Parkinson's Disease and provides students with the opportunity to extend their knowledge of this specialty area. The subject content explores:

- the epidemiology, anatomy, physiology, motor and non-motor clinical features of Parkinson's Disease
- contemporary assessment and management techniques and therapeutic approaches to care at all stages, with reference to best practice guidelines.
- pertinent psychosocial issues relating to the care of a person diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and their carers
- multidisciplinary consultation and referral pathways, legal and ethical issues and advances in care

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Describe the physiology and pathophysiology of the motor and non-motor clinical features associated with typical and atypical Parkinson's Disease
- Apply principles of advanced Parkinson's specific assessment to the care of persons diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
- Examine the evolving therapeutic approaches to care and their effectiveness in enhancing outcomes

for patients diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and their carers

- Critically analyse the management of Parkinson's Disease as benchmarked against best practice guidelines and current literature
- Reflect upon and evaluate the therapeutic responses to clinical practices in relation to health education, rehabilitation and palliation of patients with Parkinson's Disease
- Articulate the multidisciplinary consultation and referral pathways and community supports available for use when planning care for people with Parkinson's Disease
- Evaluate the ethico-legal dimensions of providing care to the person with Parkinson's Disease

POSTGRADUATE SINGLE UNITS OF STUDY

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