Committee for Therapeutic Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

Reporting directly to the Board of Practice and Partnerships, the Committee for Therapeutic Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice is an active working arm of the Board.

The Committee's overarching functions are to –

- Coordinate the development and ongoing update of the College's Clinical practice guidelines, position statements and Clinical memoranda.
- Develop policy in relation to clinical practice improvement within the College.
- Raise awareness and encourage the use of evidence-based practice to improve clinical standards of psychiatric care
- Act as a pool of advice in respect to psychotropic medications and treatments.
- Advise on all aspects of psychiatric treatments including all bio-psycho-social therapies, psycho-pharmacology, electroconvulsive therapy, psychosurgery and other treatments, as appropriate

Membership

Dr Simon Hatcher
Chair

Simon is a Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Auckland and an Honorary Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist for the Waitemata District Health Board working two days per week in Liaison Psychiatry service that covers the emergency department and the general Hospital.

Simon is an Academic Psychiatrist with an interest in evidence based medicine. He is Associate Editor of "Evidence Based Mental Health Care" (BMJ publication) and author of a book on Evidence Based Mental Health Care that is widely used by trainees. He has been involved with the Cochrane Collaboration for 10 years including time as Co-ordinating Editor of the Depression Anxiety and Neurosis Group

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