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Patient Partner Program (P3)



Bringing a
patient-centered
approach to
medical education

Where your story and
experience is invaluable

"It made me feel more confident in talking about my condition"

"I probably got as much out of it as the students did."



What is the Patient Partner Program?

The Patient Partner Program (P3) forms part of the curriculum at Launceston Clinical School for students in their final 2 years of medicine. It brings a patient-centered approach to medical education so that our future doctors are equipped to provide patient-centered care.

Background

The Patient Partner Program (P3) began at the Launceston Clinical School in 2005. P3 aims to engage community patients with undergraduate medical students in learning partnerships. This program works by enhancing existing hospital based learning through engagement with individuals, such as you.

We believe that every person living with a chronic illness has valuable experiences to share and special knowledge of their health management. Combined, this knowledge and experience provide significant learning benefits for these young doctors in training.

Your story and experience are invaluable.

Common Questions

How much time is required?

Each visit consists of two 1 hour sessions with a short refreshment break in-between (a total of 2¼ hours is required).

How are the sessions run?

Each session consists of a small group, usually no more than 4 students who are supervised by a GP Tutor. During a session 1 or 2 of the students in the group will talk with you, obtaining a medical history, conducting an examination and discussing management.

Do I have to stand up and talk to all the students?

No. It is run in a consultation style, similar to when you visit your GP.

How often would I be required?

We generally call patients in once or twice a year. You are always free to decline if the date we have doesn't suit.

Where do I attend?

The P3 program is located on Level 2 of the Northern Integrated Care Service (NICS) building in Frankland Street, Launceston. Specific details of how to access the building will be provided to you when you book in for a session.

Is there anything I need to do before being involved?

We value your partnership and so each person who chooses to be part of P3 is required to provide written consent stating they are aware of how the program is run and that they are willing to be involved. We may request medical information from your GP and Launceston General Hospital records, this is part of the consent process. This information is treated with confidentiality and used only for the purpose of the teaching session.

What if I decide to withdraw from the program?

You may choose to withdraw from the program at any time. It is a voluntary program and we greatly appreciate any time you can offer us.

What should I do now?

If you are interested in participating in the P3 program please discuss it with your GP and then feel free to contact the P3 Coordinators.

What do Patient Partners say?

"...to have cancer and be able to tell your story of what you went through can only benefit them (student doctors) in understanding."

"It's definitely a mutual exchange of thoughts"

"...it's made me less ashamed of my mental problems ...confirmation that I'm not perceived as a 'nut case.'"