

Current social work research: Identifying the psychosocial issues of burns patients presenting to an acute level 1 trauma centre (the psychosocial determinants of health care outcomes).

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A recent literature search of psychosocial issues specific to acute burns patients has found various articles which focus on specific psychosocial variables. Our research aims to capture the range and complexity of psychosocial determinants impacting on acute health outcomes of adult burns patients. This exploratory study is being undertaken to provide a systematic audit of psychosocial issues, social work interventions and to identify current gaps in social work service provision within the acute Victorian Adult Burns Service (VABS). A clinical data mining research method will be utilised. A retrospective audit and analysis of The Alfred Hospital medical records/VABS registry data for the period of one year will be undertaken. A data mining tool has been developed to identify and detail the extent and type of patient psychosocial determinants; and report on the various types of social work interventions. The relationship between patient psychosocial factors and social work interventions will be analysed and used to aid appropriate psychosocial care. Preliminary findings will be presented.

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