

Role of the Doctor in the MH MDT

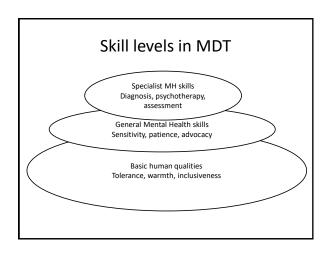
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Psychiatrists' role

- Duties and Obligations
- · Style of operating
- Reflections from this on:
- Why an interesting question?
- · Understanding medical training
- Understanding clinical practice
 - relationship versus technology

MH-MDT and Therapeutic Communities

- Flattened Hierarchy
 - Informality
 - Democratization
- · Skill sharing
- · Role blurring



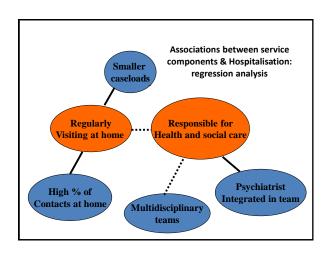
Duties and obligations

- Prescribing
- Mental Health Act
- Responsibility
- Diagnosis and assessment
- Leadership

Doctor's style within the team

- Gatekeeper and signposting (non team)
- Consultation
- Integrated

Testing for ingredients using cluster analysis and regression Sec Psychiatry Psychiatr Epidersial (2006) 39: 789-798. DOI 10.1007/007127-0004-0810-55. ORIGINAL PAPER Christine Wright - Jocetyn Catty - Hilary Watt - Tom Burns A systematic review of home treatment services Classification and sustainability Literature review with Cochrane methodology Broad definition of home treatment All authors followed up for service components



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Misconceptions about training

- Medicine is not a science nor technology
 - Applies available sciences
- Training is mainly apprentice, not scholarly study
- · Diagnosis is a pattern recognition skill
 - 100,000 hours to acquire must be continually practiced
 - not 'criterion based'
- Operate in uncertainty
 - Flexible application of treatments
 - Guidelines not rules

Misconceptions about process of MH care

- A series of individual evidence based interventions
 Measured against targets and standards
- Mental illness manifest in relationships
- People value relationships
- Trusting relationship a therapeutic force in itself
 Jerome Frank non-specific factors in psychotherapy
- · Emergent qualities in relationship

Karl Jaspers



"Psychiatrists function primarily as living, comprehending and acting persons."

General Psychopathology – Vol 1, Karl Jaspers, John Hopkins University Press: London, 1997

What to guard against

- Loss of 'intellectualism' and status
 - Diagnostic precision and authority
 - Poor recruitment
- Research leadership
 - Vicious circle

