



DEMENTIA CARE TRAINING & EDUCATION PROGRAM (DCTEP)

THE PROGRAM

The Dementia Care Training and Education Program (DCTEP) is a tailored online education resource that assists GPs, Practice Nurses and medical practitioners working in general practice and aged care to recognise, diagnose and manage dementia.

The program offers a means of addressing the rapidly increasing number of Australians who are being diagnosed with dementia and helps to equip health professionals with the skills and knowledge to manage the complex care needs of dementia patients.

The free online program developed by General Practice Training Tasmania is the first of its kind in Australia. It was developed with a specific emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and consists of the following interactive modules:

1. Recognising Dementia in General Practice
2. Diagnosing Dementia in General Practice
3. How Does Dementia Progress?
4. Managing Dementia in General Practice

WHO IS IT FOR?

The program was developed to assist GPs and Practice Nurses to recognise, diagnose, manage and support dementia patients and their carers however, the resource can also provide valuable insight into the management and support of dementia patients for nurses, those working in aged care, medical and nursing students, carers and other health professionals in the aged care sector.

WHERE CAN I ACCESS THE PROGRAM?

The online resource takes approximately three hours to complete and can be accessed via the General Practice Training Tasmania website at gptt.com.au/training/dementia-care-education-training-program/

LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- Improves ability to recognise dementia symptoms in patients, allowing for earlier diagnosis of the condition.
- Improves knowledge and confidence to take on the responsibility for diagnosis and management of patients with dementia.
- Improves awareness of community resources and support services available for dementia patients.
- Improves ability to provide support for and manage dementia patients, particularly in rural and remote communities.
- Improves ability to provide support for carers and families of dementia patients, particularly in the early stages of dementia.
- Improves ability and confidence of health professionals in supporting and managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dementia patients.

BENEFITS FOR THE PATIENT AND THEIR FAMILY

- Earlier diagnosis of dementia assists in planning and providing support for a family member with dementia and allows measures to be put in place for future care.
- Better support through improved knowledge of dementia and awareness of community resources among health professionals (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health resources).

