

Project Number	Project Title	Research Node (Project Site)	Project Description	Places Available	Primary Supervisor	Primary Supervisor Email
GP20001	Exploring health practitioners knowledge and attitudes of existing guidelines and training resources regarding abuse and violence	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The student will map existing training resources and guidelines and conduct qualitative interviews with health practitioners to explore knowledge and attitudes towards such resources to develop an understanding of information sources used and perceived as needed in this area. Applicants should contact Dr Rhian Parker for all project enquiries.	1	Prof Kelsey Hegarty	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20002	Screening for partner violence in antenatal care	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	A qualitative project exploring supports needed when screening women for domestic violence. Applicants should contact Dr Rhian Parker for all project enquiries.	1	Prof Kelsey Hegarty	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20003	Trauma-informed yoga for survivors of sexual violence	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project involves using surveys or interviews (to be determined) with sexual violence survivors to evaluate a trauma-informed yoga program. Applicants should contact Dr Rhian Parker for all project enquiries.	1	Dr Laura Tarzia	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20004	Workplace training at the Royal Women's Hospital in sexual and family violence	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This qualitative project will involve interviews with staff at the hospital to determine whether the education and training programs being delivered meet their needs and expectations. The Women's currently responds to a very high volume of clients, and it is therefore essential that its workers be appropriately and adequately trained and supported in their work. The project will identify any areas for improvement that will help to further refine the delivery of future training programs. Applicants should contact Dr Rhian Parker for all project enquiries.	1	Prof Kelsey Hegarty	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20005	Sexual violence crisis care in Melbourne: Who is attending and why?	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The Centre for Sexual Assault (CASA House) is a dedicated service for victim/survivors of sexual violence. A Crisis Care Unit is located at the Royal Women's Hospital where victim/survivors of recent sexual assault receive information about their legal and medical rights. This project involves auditing intake data from the Crisis Care Unit to determine characteristics of women who access this service, reasons for attending, and referral pathways. Applicants should contact Dr Rhian Parker for all project enquiries.	1	Dr Laura Tarzia	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20006	Exploring sexual health care for older Australians	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Sexual activity enhances physical and mental health during ageing, however as individuals age, they also develop more chronic conditions which may impact on their sexual ability. This study will explore the availability of both information (including online), and practitioners who provide such information or services to older Australians. Interviews with health service providers will be undertaken either face to face or by phone.	1	Prof Meredith Temple-Smith	<a href="mailto:m.temple-smith@unimelb.edu.au">m.temple-smith@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20007	Experiences of violence for people living with severe mental illnesses	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This student will undertake secondary data analysis of data collected from a sub-sample of people who were part of a now completed cluster randomised controlled trial in the community mental health setting (The CORE Study) which focused on service improvement using a co-design approach. Data was collected with a sub-sample of individuals' providing self-reported information about experiences of violence in their lives using a novel qualitative timeline method. The student will work with an established coding framework to code the experiences recounted within timelines and explore these in conjunction with the published literature on violence in the lives of people with mental illnesses. The student will consider current interventions and the findings to consider what interventions might be needed in this group to respond to experiences of violence.	1	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20008	The social worlds of people living with severe mental illness	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Students will undertake secondary analysis of data collected from a sub-sample of people who took part in a now completed cluster randomised controlled trial in the community mental health setting (The CORE Study) to improve service experiences using a co-design approach. A sub-sample of individuals have provided information about their social networks and short weekly diaries. Students will analyse either the networks and/or the weekly journals for patterns around social connection, loneliness and engagement in community life and consider this in conjunction with the published literature for people with severe mental illness.	2	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20009	Shared reading groups as a psychosocial intervention for depression and well-being	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This student will conduct a literature review on the use of shared reading groups as a treatment for depression. The student will complete a pilot study of an existing shared reading program that includes a creative writing approach in the primary care setting. The focus of the student's research will be to evaluate the implementation of this psychosocial intervention and explore participant views on completion of the program, including the collection of preliminary outcome measures.	1	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20010	What do patients think about mental health research in general practice?	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project involves examining qualitative data collected as part of a large randomised controlled trial. Trial participants were asked what they thought about mental health research generally and how they felt about their GP being involved.	1	Dr Susie Fletcher	<a href="mailto:susanlf@unimelb.edu.au">susanlf@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20011	An exploration of Australian GPs knowledge and attitudes towards the prescribing of medicinal cannabis	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This qualitative project aims to explore GP perceptions of medicinal cannabis (MC), given that Australian GPs are increasingly being exposed to patient enquiries about MC, and media reports which suggest GPs feel under-informed on its availability, regulation and indications for use. The project CANS48, which is funded by the NHMRC and is part of the ACRE (Australian Centre for Cannabinoid Clinical and Research Excellence), will use key informant and focus group interviews to investigate how GPs respond to patient demand and will also explore their current level of knowledge and understanding of the policy and practice for MC prescribing. This research will be integral to informing how MC is rolled out into primary care in Australia.	1	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20012	Barriers and facilitators to using clinical prediction tools in primary care	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The student will use literature reviews and interview/focus groups to explore the attitudes and behaviour of GPs regarding the use of clinical prediction tools to estimate the risk of condition specific poor outcomes in their patients.	1	Dr Susie Fletcher	<a href="mailto:susanlf@unimelb.edu.au">susanlf@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20013	The multifaceted nature of depression in the primary care setting: patient experiences, health service use, treatments and factors related to depressive symptoms from the diamond longitudinal cohort study	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	There are a range of mixed method, qualitative or quantitative projects available for completion from data collected within a ten longitudinal cohort study of primary care patients with depressive symptoms - the diamond study. The student will use literature review, analyse survey data and relevant telephone interview responses to answer a research question related to one of the following topics: associations between depressive symptoms and gambling, what helps with recovery (pets, cinema or theatre attendance, creative arts--music, singing and dancing), volunteering and depressive symptoms, psychological treatments used for depression and, substance use and depressive symptoms. Research questions will include consideration of the primary care mental health context and general practitioner roles in relation to the topic of interest.	1	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20014	Addressing the physical health crisis in people living with severe mental illness	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	It is well established that people living with severe mental illnesses have higher risk factors for cardiovascular and cardiometabolic disease. The evidence shows life expectancy is reduced by up to 20 years for some people compared to the general population. The student will use data from within the PATRON repository (a set of routine data collected from Victorian general practices) to identify the numbers of individuals in primary care with severe mental illnesses who have markers of increased cardiovascular risk and cardio related treatments, plans and referrals that may have been delivered.	1	A/Prof Victoria Palmer	<a href="mailto:v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au">v.palmer@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20015	Views and experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in medication use	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This qualitative project aims to explore the views and experiences of CALD individuals to understand their medication-related needs. Findings have the potential to inform the development of an App that will facilitate quality use of medicines in CALD populations. The project will ultimately improve health understanding and medication literacy in CALD communities.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20016	Test the utility of the core elements for an interprofessional diabetes and oral health care model in Australia	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Core elements for an interprofessional diabetes and oral health (DiabOH) care model synthesised from pilot work by the DiabOH team will be tested in up to 4 service clusters (each consists of 1 general medical with 1 co-located/nearby dental service) in VIC and NSW. The core elements will then be refined based on the findings in consultation with our study advisory group and incorporated into the final interprofessional diabetes oral health (DiabOH) care model.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20017	Knowledge and views of medical and oral health students on chronic systemic and oral diseases and interprofessional care	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The relationship between chronic systemic and oral diseases are commonly overlooked in general medical and dental practices. Early preventive and intervention measures may reduce incidence and severity of these conditions. This mixed methods research will explore the knowledge and views of medical and oral health students on chronic systemic and oral diseases and interprofessional care.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20018	Exploring same sex and CALD couples experience of miscarriage	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project aims to explore the miscarriage experiences of same sex and CALD couples, including their experience of social and healthcare support. There is very little literature exploring both groups experience of miscarriage.	1	Prof Meredith Temple-Smith	<a href="mailto:m.temple-smith@unimelb.edu.au">m.temple-smith@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20019	Reproductive coercion and fertility treatments	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Reproductive coercion involves forcing a woman to become pregnant against her will, sabotaging her birth control, or forcing her to terminate a wanted pregnancy. Little is known about how reproductive coercion might manifest in the IVF or fertility specialist setting, and whether providers look for it in their clients. This project involves interviews with IVF providers and fertility specialists to explore their knowledge about reproductive coercion and how they respond to it in practice.	1	Dr Laura Tarzia	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20020	Women's pathways to safety and care after experiencing sexual violence and mental health problems	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project involves secondary analysis of 30 in-depth qualitative interviews with women who had experienced both sexual violence and mental health problems. The analysis will focus on how they navigated health services and what was helpful.	1	Dr Laura Tarzia	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20021	Reproductive coercion and the role of pharmacists	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project involves qualitative interviews with pharmacists who dispense emergency contraception to explore whether and how they identify women who might be experiencing reproductive coercion.	1	Dr Laura Tarzia	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20022	Using wearable devices to detect and predict men's use of intimate partner violence	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project will explore the use of smartwatches as an early intervention to encourage men to self-reflect and avoid using violence in relationships. The student will undertake a literature review and conduct a preliminary study which involves the use of smartwatches to collect biofeedback and environmental data utilizing a sample of 20 men recruited from the community and specialized domestic violence services.	1	Dr Mohajer Hameed	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20023	Exploring the characteristics of male victims of domestic violence	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Men's use of violence within intimate relationships is a serious health issue for the entire family, as it impacts the man using violence, his partner, and any children. Research indicate that in most cases, the individuals who use violence are male intimate partners, causing IPV to be the most common form of violence against women. However, most studies regarding domestic violence focus mainly on female victims. To gain more insight into the problems male victims encounter, this project aims to explore the characteristics of this group using secondary data. the student will undertake a literature review and analyze secondary dataset related to male victims of domestic violence.	1	Dr Mohajer Hameed	<a href="mailto:rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au">rhian.parker@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20024	Worried About Sex And Porn Project WASAPP	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	Harmful sexual behaviour is sexual abuse carried out by children and young people against other children and young people. This project is part of a broader project called WASAPP that aims to co-design an online early interveniton for children and young people worried about their sexual thoughts and behaviours. The student will interview harmful sexual behaviour practitioners to collect their insights about what an early intervention might entail and how it could be implemented in an Australian context.	1	Dr Gemma McKibbin	<a href="mailto:gemma.mckibbin@unimelb.edu.au">gemma.mckibbin@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20025	Fake news: Countering misinformation about the role of primary care in cancer on social media	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	In 2017, 67% of Americans reported getting at least some of their news from social media platforms (e.g., Facebook and Twitter). There is also evidence to suggest there is a substantial amount of inaccurate or false health information being shared on these platforms. This study will focus on what misinformation about the role of primary care in cancer is being shared on social media and is there any evidence on how to effectively address this misinformation.	1	Dr Kristi Milley	<a href="mailto:kristi.milley@unimelb.edu.au">kristi.milley@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20026	Public vs private patient narratives of pathways to diagnosis and treatment of colorectal, lung and	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This collaborative project is part of a larger study based at the Cancer Council of Victoria and will involve qualitative interviews of patients recently diagnosed with cancer.	1	Dr Rebecca Bergin	<a href="mailto:rebecca.bergin@unimelb.edu.au">rebecca.bergin@unimelb.edu.au</a>

GP20027	I-MAGIC	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The Cancer Council Australia recently released guidelines for clinicians to actively consider prescribing aspirin to all Australians between 50 to 70 years of age without any contraindications to reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer. Along with the guidelines there was no plan to implement the advice except through links with the Cancer Council Victoria, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and NHMRC websites. This proposed research project will implement the guidelines with the patient population in Victoria. The research project will also include the modification of a decision aid to inform patients about the harms and benefits of aspirin chemoprevention in general practice.	1	Ms Shakira Milton	<a href="mailto:shakira.milton@unimelb.edu.au">shakira.milton@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20028	Implementation of a polygenic risk score for multiple cancer in primary care	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This study will investigate the feasibility and appropriate methods for implementing a polygenic risk score for multiple cancers in primary care.	1	Prof Jon Emery	<a href="mailto:jon.emery@unimelb.edu.au">jon.emery@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20029	What are the clinical and economic costs and benefits of including an oral health check in diabetes annual cycle of care?	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	The aim of this project is to develop evidence to support the inclusion of an oral health assessment in diabetes annual cycle of care. The student will map out the clinical care pathways using diabetes annual cycle of care both with and without oral health assessment. A health economics model will be developed to explore hypothetical case studies to compare clinical and cost outcomes.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20030	What are the views and experience of high school teachers about managing students with type 1 diabetes?	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This project aims to inform the development of training and policies in type 1 diabetes management in schools. The student will recruit and interview high school teachers to explore their views and experience of their training and role in managing students with type 1 diabetes. Questions will be developed based on findings from a current project that explored views and experience of former high school students with type 1 diabetes.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>
GP20031	What are the views and requirements of GPs on education and training in the management of chronic non-cancer pain?	Department of General Practice, 780 Elizabeth St	This study aims to inform the development of continuing education and training for GPs on chronic non-cancer pain (CNCP) management. The student will develop and design an online national survey based on qualitative findings from an exploratory study to determine the views and requirements of GPs on continuing education and training on CNCP management.	1	Dr Phyllis Lau	<a href="mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au">plau@unimelb.edu.au</a>