



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

Metro South Health (MSH) is committed to advancing interprofessional collaboration in education and practice as an innovative and evidence-based strategy for health system transformation.

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION (IPC)

is the provision of comprehensive health services by multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds to provide the highest quality of care across settings (World Health Organisation, 2010). Interprofessional collaborative teams (IPCTs) are patient-centred, relationship focused, holistic, reflective and cohesive.

HOW IS IPC DIFFERENT TO MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE?

Like multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs), members of high functioning IPCTs: identify as a team member, are committed to and working towards the same goals and understand the roles and contributions of others within the team. The distinction between MDTs and IPCTs is team members are interdependent on each other, work practices are fully integrated, decision-making is collective, and responsibility is shared.

IPC is not transdisciplinary practice, skill sharing or replacing roles.

AT METRO SOUTH HEALTH WE WILL -

- + Provide organisational governance, systems, structures and resources that support interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP)
- + Embed IPC in all aspects of healthcare reform, service planning and workforce development
- + Create a workforce culture that values and engages with IPCP
- + Develop staff capability and capacity for IPCP through contemporary interprofessional education (IPE) and development
- + Provide a safe and respectful environment for IPC
- + Embed the student and graduate experience within high functioning interprofessional teams
- + Lead research that is interprofessional, and investigates the outputs, outcomes and impact of IPC and teamwork, and supports translation into practice
- + Develop and maintain strong partnerships that support IPC and IPE
- + Develop digital platforms that facilitate IPCP
- + Leverage IPC to support the achievement of the MSH ICARE² values and National Quality and Safety Health Service Standards

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