



Transcultural Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

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Dr. Can Tuncer is a consultant psychiatrist in private practice, and has worked with the Victorian Transcultural Psychiatry Unit (VTPU) since 1990. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). He is a member of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists and also the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine. Since 1995 he has convened VTPU clinical seminars (Cultural Perspectives in Clinical Practice), which include monthly clinical case discussion meetings for psychiatry registrars at St Vincent's Hospital. He has been involved in research and training activities at the VTPU, including the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Sciences (Transcultural Mental Health), at the University of Melbourne. As part of VTPU's training programs, he teaches specifically in clinical transcultural psychiatry topics. He is a founding member of the Turkish Mental Health Network, which has a highly active role in providing education on mental health and mental illness to the Turkish community. In his psychiatric clinical practice, he provides primary and secondary consultations mainly to CALD patients. He has publications both in English and Turkish on culture and mental illness and other topics in psychiatry. One of his special interests is cultural variations in functional somatic symptoms.

The VTPU is a statewide unit which supports area mental health and psychiatric disability support services in working with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) consumers and carers throughout Victoria. The VTPU was established in 1989 within the Office of Psychiatric Services, State Government of Victoria. It is a statewide service which evolved from a small clinical service to a service which supports area mental health services and psychiatric disability support services in working with consumers, carers and communities from diverse cultural backgrounds throughout Victoria. In 1996 it was awarded Commonwealth funding to establish the Australian Transcultural Mental Health Network. Currently the VTPU is funded by the Mental Health Branch of the Victorian Department of Human Services and is administered by St Vincent's Hospital.

The mission of the VTPU is to strengthen the capacity of Victoria's mental health system to provide effective, equitable and culturally appropriate services to Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse population.



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY MONDAY COLLOQUIUM

*Monday 28th July 2008 / 1North, Main Block,
Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria*

Lunch: 1215-1230 Presentation: 1230-1330

Monday Colloquia are a joint presentation between the University of Melbourne Department of Psychiatry & North Western Mental Health. For more information contact Dr Veronique Browne - tel +61-3 9342 7705