



Dorothy McCaughan

Patient Involvement in Patient Safety



Dorothy McCaughan is a Research Fellow in the Department of Health Sciences at The University of York. With a background in nursing, Dorothy has been involved in a broad range of research projects which have focussed on nurses' use of information

in clinical decision making; the introduction of new nursing roles and the implications for skill mix and professional boundaries; and patient involvement in patient safety.

In this seminar Dorothy will report some of the results from a study which aimed to investigate how patients (and their family members and other representatives) might appropriately be involved in their health care to effectively promote their own safety.

Dorothy will discuss qualitative findings from primary research conducted to: explore patients' (and their representatives') awareness and concerns about health care safety; elicit their views of the various roles they might play to promote their safety when using health care services and their perceptions of factors which may facilitate or impede adoption of safety related behaviours; and identify situations in which patients acted (or wanted to act) to ensure their own safety.

Participants identified a range of factors which could influence whether patient roles in safety enhancement were adopted, including individual patient, health professional and system characteristics. The importance of health professional behaviour and communication in facilitating patient involvement was particularly stressed.

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Time: 17.30 followed by drinks at 18.45

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