

## **STAFF & MANAGER ATTITUDES, BARRIERS AND ORGANISATIONAL READINESS FOR DELIVERY OF SMOKING CESSATION CARE TO CLIENTS OF AUSTRALIAN DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRE'S**

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**Introduction and Aims:** The provision of smoking cessation care (SCC) to clients in the d&a setting is a priority with higher rates of smoking in persons entering treatment. However, treatment is found to be infrequently provided. Understanding the current organisational culture; the shared attitudes, experienced barriers and perceived organisational readiness is required to adapt and change practices. Therefore the study aimed to examine the current attitudes, barriers and organisational readiness of addiction treatment managers and staff towards providing smoking cessation care (SCC) to their clients.

**Design and Methods:** Cross-sectional online survey of staff from 33 government and non-government Australian d&a treatment centres conducted in Sept-Oct 2014.

**Results:** Overall 506 individuals responded to the survey from 882 invitations (57%). Staff attitudes were broadly positive recognising the importance of providing SCC as part of usual care practice. Staff were found to experience a large number of system-level barriers when providing SCC. Nevertheless, staff rated their organisation's readiness to increase the delivery of SCC to their clients a 6 out of 10.

**Discussion and Conclusions:** Staff appear to hold positive attitudes towards addressing client tobacco use and perceive their organisation as ready to increase their current delivery of SCC despite existing barriers.

**Implications for Practice or Policy:** This research has the potential to inform the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based smoking cessation care within the Australian drug and alcohol treatment setting.

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