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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

2007 – PhD, University of Western Australia. Perth, Australia. Major – Clinical Psychology

1992 – MSc, Memorial University of Newfoundland. St. John's, Canada. Major – Clinical Psychology

1988 – BA (Cum Laude), Rollins College. Florida, USA. Major – Psychology (Honours)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

1995: Registered Clinical Psychologist; The Psychologists Board of Western Australia.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

03/02 – Current: Research Fellow

School of Psychiatry & Clinical Neurosciences
University of Western Australia

08/01 – Current: Senior Clinical Psychologist

State Forensic Mental Health Service
Health Department of Western Australia

01/95 – 06/01: Mental Health Programme Manager

Perth Central Coastal Division of General Practice
Perth, Western Australia

01/95 – 06/01: Clinical Psychologist/Programme Manager

GP Suicide Intervention Programme
Health Department of Western Australia; Mental Health Division

09/92 – 10/94: Psychologist

Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services
Rideau Correctional & Treatment Centre. Merrickville, Ontario. Canada

1991: Clinical Psychology Intern

Correctional Service of Canada
District Office, St. John's, Newfoundland. Canada

FUNDING AWARDED

Source: *Healthway*

Project: Promoting Physical Activity to Improve the Outcome of Depression in Later Life (ACTIVEDEP)

Amount: A\$ 359,927 – 2009-2011

Investigators: Almeida OP, Newton RU, Sim M, Rosenberg M, Pfaff JJ, Flicker L

Source: *National Health & Medical Research Council*

Project: Reducing Depression and Suicide Amongst Older Australians: A Clustered Randomised Clinical Trial in Primary Health Care

Amount: A\$ 753,275 – 2005-2007

Investigators: Almeida OP, Pfaff JJ, Kerse N, Snowdon J, Goldney RD, Pirkis JE

Source: *Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing*

Project: Identifying and Managing Suicidal Risk in Aged Patients: General Practice Implementation Plan for National Applicability

Amount: A\$ 41,800 – 2004

Investigators: Almeida OP, Pfaff JJ

Source: *Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing*

Project: Identifying and Managing Suicidal Risk in Aged Patients

Amount: A\$ 56,684 – 2002

Investigators: Pfaff JJ, Almeida OP

Source: *Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care; GP Branch*

Project: Multimedia Distance Education Program for GPs

Amount: A\$ 150,000 – 1999-2001

Investigators: Pfaff JJ, Acres JG

Source: *Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care; Mental Health Branch*

Project: National General Practice Youth Suicide Prevention Project

Amount: A\$ 550,000 – 1996-2000

Investigators: Pfaff JJ, Acres JG, McKelvey RS

POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH:

- *Identifying Suicidal Risk in General Practice: Developing a Suicide Prevention Training Programme for Australian General Practitioners (PhD)*
- *Reducing Heart Rate and Diastolic and Systolic Blood Pressure Using Nonpharmacological Methods in the Treatment of Essential Hypertension (MSc)*

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed

Pfaff JJ, Draper B, Pirkis J, Stocks N, Snowdon J, Sim M, Byrne G, Lautenschlager N, Flicker L, Kerse N, Goldney R, Almeida OP (2009). **Medical morbidity and severity of depression in a large primary care sample of older Australians: The DEPS-GP Project.** Medical Journal of Australia, 190, S75-S80.

Pirkis J, Pfaff J, Williamson M, Tyson O, Stocks N, Goldney R, Draper B, Snowdon J, Lautenschlager N, Almeida OP (2009). **The community prevalence of depression in older Australians.** Journal of Affective Disorders, 115, 54-61.

Kerse N, Flicker L, Pfaff JJ, Draper B, Lautenschlager N, Sim M, Snowdon J, Almeida OP (2008). **Falls, depression and antidepressants in later life: a large primary care appraisal.** PLoS ONE, 3 (6), e2423.

Draper B, Pfaff JJ, Pirkis J, Snowdon J, Lautenschlager NT, Wilson I, Almeida OP (2008). **Long-term effects of childhood abuse on the quality of life and health of older people: Results from the DEPS-GP Project.** Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 56, 262-271.

Williamson MK, Pirkis J, Pfaff JJ, Tyson O, Sim M, Kerse N, Lautenschlager NT, Stocks NP, Almeida OP (2007). **Recruiting and retaining GPs and patients in intervention studies: The DEPS-GP project as a case study.** BMC Medical Research Methodology, 7, 42.

Pfaff JJ, Almeida OP, Witte TK, Waesche MC, & Joiner TE (2007). **Relationship between quantity and frequency of alcohol use and indices of suicidal behavior in an elderly Australian sample.** Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, 37, 616-626.

Pfaff JJ, Bernert R, Hollar D, Witte T, Merrill K, Pettit J, Almeida OP, & Joiner T (2006). **Birth month and depressive and suicidal symptoms in an elderly sample born in the Southern or Northern Hemisphere.** Psychiatry Research, 144, 217-219.

Almeida OP & Pfaff JJ (2005). **Sleep complaints among older general practice patients: association with depression.** British Journal of General Practice, 55, 864-866.

Almeida OP & Pfaff JJ (2005). **Depression and smoking amongst older general practice patients.** Journal of Affective Disorders, 86, 317-321.

Pfaff JJ & Almeida OP (2005). **A cross-sectional analysis of factors that influence the detection of depression in older primary care patients.** Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry, 39, 262-265.

Pfaff JJ & Almeida OP (2005). **Detecting suicidal ideation in older patients: identifying risk factors within the general practice setting.** British Journal of General Practice, 55, 269-273.

Pfaff JJ & Almeida OP (2004). **Identifying suicidal ideation amongst older adults in a general practice setting.** Journal of Affective Disorders, 83, 73-77.

Joiner T, Pfaff JJ, Acres J, & Johnson F (2002). **Birth month and suicidal and depressive symptoms in Australians born in the Southern vs. the Northern Hemisphere.** Psychiatry Research, 112(1), 89-92.

Joiner T, Pfaff JJ, & Acres J (2002). **Characteristics of suicidal adolescents and young adults presenting to primary care with non-suicidal (indeed non-psychological) complaints.** European Journal of Public Health, 12(3), 177-179.

Joiner T, Pfaff JJ, & Acres J (2002). **A brief screening tool for suicidal symptoms in adolescents and young adults in general health settings: reliability and validity data from the Australian National General Practice Youth Suicide Prevention Project.** Behaviour Research and Therapy, 40(4), 471-481.

McKelvey R, Pfaff JJ, & Acres J (2001). **The relationship between chief complaints, psychological distress, and suicidal ideation in 15-24-year-old patients presenting to general practitioners.** Medical Journal of Australia, 175(10), 550-552.

Pfaff JJ, Acres J, & McKelvey R (2001). **Training general practitioners to recognise and respond to psychological distress and suicidal ideation in young people.** Medical Journal of Australia, 174, 222-226.

Pfaff JJ, Acres J, & Wilson M (1999). **The role of General Practitioners in parasuicide: A Western Australia perspective.** Archives of Suicide Research, 5(3), 207-214.

McKelvey R, Davies L, Pfaff JJ, Acres J, & Edwards S (1998). **Psychological distress and suicidal ideation among 15 to 24 year olds presenting to General Practice: a pilot study.** Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry, 32(3), 344-348.

Marquis H, Bourgon G, Armstrong B, & Pfaff J (1996). ***Reducing recidivism through institutional treatment programs.*** Forum on Corrections Research, 8, 3-5.

Books

Pfaff JJ & Almeida OP (2003). ***Identifying & Managing Suicidal Risk in Older Adults: A Desktop Reference Guide for General Practice.*** Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing, Canberra, Australia.

Pfaff JJ & Rooney MD (2000). ***Identifying & Managing Suicidal Risk in Youth: A Desktop Reference Guide for General Practice.*** Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care, Canberra, Australia.

Pfaff JJ & Edwards SJ (1996). ***Managing Youth Suicidal Behaviour: A Facilitator's Guide for General Practice.*** Commonwealth Department of Health & Family Services, Canberra, Australia.

Edwards SJ & Pfaff JJ (1996). ***Managing Youth Suicidal Behaviour: A Guide for General Practitioners and Community Health Personnel.*** Commonwealth Department of Health & Family Services, Canberra, Australia.

Edwards S, Gostelow C, Pfaff J, Baily S, Hyde J, Follet D, & Leung P (1995). ***Managing Suicidal Behaviour in General Practice: A Guide for General Practitioners.*** Health Department of Western Australia, Perth, Australia.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists – Annual Scientific Meeting of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age

28-29th October, 2004. Perth, Australia

- Suicide Prevention in Later Life (*Oral Paper*).

Irish Association of Suicidology 5th Annual Conference

16-17th September, 2000. Ennis, Ireland

- Examining the effectiveness of a training programme for general practitioners in recognising and responding to psychological distress and suicidal ideation in young people. (*Oral Paper*).
- The relationship between chief complaints, psychological disturbance and suicidal ideation in 15-24 year olds patients presenting to primary care. (*Oral Paper*).

8th European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour

6-9th September, 2000. Bled, Slovenia

- Prevalence of psychological distress and suicidal ideation among youth seen in primary care. (*Oral Paper*).
- Evaluation of a youth suicide prevention training programme for GPs. (*Oral Paper*).

XIX Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention

23rd-27th March, 1997. Adelaide, Australia.

- The role of general practitioners in youth parasuicide: a Western Australia perspective. (*Oral Paper*).
- Managing Youth Suicidal Behaviour: The 4Rs Workshop for General Practitioners. (*Workshop*).

COMMITTEES:

1996 - 1999: **Western Australia Suicide Prevention Network**
Network Coordinator

1995: **Suicide Prevention Project Reference Group**
East Metropolitan Health Authority. Perth, Western Australia