

# Cross Cultural Newsletter

## *“Dementia: Updates on Primary Care Assessment Pathway: Part II”*

*Presenters: Dr Gary Cheung, Dr Michal Lynn Boyd, Dr Sarah Cullum*

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I must thank all those of our members who lived up to their promise to attend the Research Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. 40 members participated in the qualitative study.



The topic of research for the evening was “Engaging Asian People in Dementia Care and Research”

One of the researchers, Sarah, first gave an introduction to the needs for the research and outlined the topics for discussion:

1. Self-disclosure of all the participating members on their interest in this area and their opinions as to what kind of dementia research is important.
2. Where do Asians communities get their information about dementia from? This information would be crucial for educational and recruitment purposes.
3. Which is the best avenue to engage the Asian community eg newspaper, TV and etc.
4. How best to obtain opinions from the Asian community. Which is more important: focus group discussions or family interviews?
5. Any other suggests from the participants.



Our members were then divided into four focus groups to discuss on the above issues and each group would be allowed time to present their consensus. The issue as to where to go forwards from this was also discussed. These opinions had been recorded and would be analysed by the researchers who promised to report back to our members in another presentation sometime later this year.

The discussions were too numerous to be recorded here. I would be doing injustice to the researchers if I described them in a brief newsletter such as this, but suffice for me to report that the participants were very enthusiastic in their discussions. However, I do look forward to organising another meeting for the researchers to present their preliminary findings.

There were much informal discussions after the meeting. Because of the nature of the meeting, I have only selected to post Sarah's introduction onto the web.



**Highlight of the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017:**

The topic is on “**Support Group for Chinese families of patients with major psychiatric disorders: an evaluation and lessons learnt**”. A flyer is due out shortly.

Thank you once again for those members who actively participated in the research.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

S Wong on behalf of the Cross Cultural Interest Group



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