

## ***“Mental health inquiries after homicide”***

Speaker: Dr Lillian Ng

Dear members

Thanks to those who attended the 25th June 2019 Cross-Cultural Interest Group presentation, it was a great turnout. We had fifty-one (51) colleagues from various health disciplines participating.

**We want to thank Janssen**

**Pharmaceutical for sponsoring the**

**catering of the session.** It is great to see so many stayed behind to help us tidy up the meeting room and rearrange the furniture, thank you.

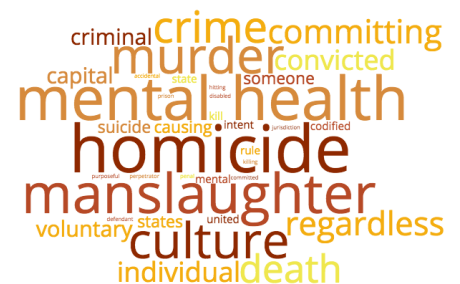


The presenter for the session, **Dr Lillian Ng**, is a forensic psychiatrist and a senior lecturer at the University of Auckland. She works as a clinician at Counties-Manukau DHB and as a court report writer for Waitemata DHB forensic services.

Dr Lillian Ng's talk was very insightful. She provided an overview of her PhD research into the conduct of mental health inquiries

following a serious incident such as homicide. She discussed the purpose, context and consensus of what makes a good mental health inquiry. She explained the methods, the limitations and ethical issues in researching a sensitive topic and how to disseminate learning. She went through the results of the provisional analysis and provided powerful messages through the sharing of some of the quotes from families of victims and clinicians interviewed. Her findings included cultural themes and quotes from cultural advisors. She used the following cultural nodes to explain the importance of cultural consideration when working with families from diverse cultures during a mental health inquiry. These include:

- Te O Maori which refers to the acknowledgement of cultural identity, lens and expertise;



- Kawa which relates to application of cultural appropriate protocols or process;
- Whakawhanaungatanga which refers to establishing cultural relevant relationships, connections and purpose;
- Manaaki which refers to nurturing, providing cultural appropriate support, space and time;
- Tapu which refers to being respectful, acknowledging the issues of stigma, language and confidentiality.



For more detail about the session, you can view the recording via the **Vimeo link**:

<https://vimeo.com/344789752>

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### **WATCH OUT FOR THE AUGUST 2019 SESSION!!**

**What:** “An introduction to Child Protection related legislations 2019”

**Speaker:** Margaret Chen **Facilitator:** Patrick Au

**When:** Tuesday: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (6pm to 8.30pm)

**Where:** Conference Room, Independent Living Service, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland

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Thank you again for your interest and support and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

**Dr Rajendra Pavagada (Session Facilitator) on behalf of the Cross Cultural Interest Advisory Group**

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