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Case Panel Discussion: Functional neurological disorder (FND) – Recurrent variable somatic manifestations presenting into Emergency Department (ED) in regional australia, linked to a complex FND case

We describe a case of 16 year old with recurrent ED presentations to a regional hospital in Australia, over a two year period, with various symptoms and issues ranging from dizziness, stress seizures, to drug overdoses. This patient has a complex background of functional neurological disorder with a extensive trauma background, complex mood disorder, with psychogenic non epileptiform seizures, postural orthostatic tachycardia.

Subsequently, her presentation has evolved into an Eating disorder spectrum (EDOS), with heavy resource allocation involving multiple teams including paediatric and adult subspeciality teams such as neurology, psychiatry, intensive care medicine, amce and allied health teams both in the hospital and community.

This case provides an opportunity to discuss challenges and approaches to potential solutions in dealing with a complex healthcare system.

Biography

Tom is Clinical Lead for Respiratory and Cystic Fibrosis Service, providing an holistic approach to healthcare to ensure he is looking after all areas of care for his patients. Tom is passionate about Paediatric care and is actively involved in education, and paediatric training advisory and development with Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). Dr Yap has been with the health service since 2016. He graduated from University of Sheffield (Medicine) in the UK, where he knew early on his passion was in Paediatrics. Since then he has worked in Paediatrics for NSW and Victoria Health before moving to Queensland.

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