**Abstract Submission**

**Title: Designing a model of care for asylum seekers & refugees in Western Sydney**

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**Background:** Psycho social effect of war, irregular maritime arrival process, detention and community settlement and ongoing issues of uncertain future, long term family separation and financial difficulties faced by asylum seekers and refugees arriving in Australia particularly from war-affected countries, present to GPs more often than in the past. The presentation is complex and formulating a management plan is even more challenging. As I see significant number of asylum seekers, and refugees from Sri Lanka, designing a care model becomes essential in my practice and certainly helpful for other GPs in same situation.

**Aims:** The role of GP to address these multitude of psychosocial and physical issues, social issues and health education, based on a well-formulated care model.

**Method:** Based on the issues identified within the subject population, discussions were done amongst the GPs, and refugee health advocates to design a suitable model of care for this vulnerable population which has poor health literacy and high prevalence chronic physical and psychosocial issues.

**Results:** The model of care addresses physical, psychological as well as social wellbeing. A team-based co-ordinated care involving health care providers, government and non-government agencies and community leaders are included in the model of care.

**Conclusion:** A complex model of care based on common problems faced by asylum seekers and refugees and addressing individual issues become necessary for GPs who provides care for this population. Creation of such care model will help GPs to provide a holistic care for these patients.

**References** (If applicable)