**Abstract Submission – 1 hour oral session**

**Title**

Emergency dental for rural and remote GPs

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**Background**

In rural and remote Australia, dental services may not be readily available or dental emergencies occur out of hours or on weekends. This results in patients presenting to their local GP who can be underprepared to deal with such dental emergencies through lack of access to appropriate training. (1).

**Aims**

To provide rural and remote GPs with the knowledge, confidence and resources to competently manage commonly presenting dental emergencies.

**Method**

The didactic presentation includes video, case studies and interactive participation, documented as effective in improving GP’s management of dental emergencies(2). Dental nomenclature, dental anaesthesia, traumatic dental injuries (TDI’s), odontogenic infections and clinical resources are included. (3, 4).

**Results**

GPs will have increased knowledge and confidence in the initial management of dental emergencies. They will be able to identify appropriate clinical resources and know how to access and use them.

**Conclusion**

Increasing a GP’s ability to manage a dental emergency broadens access to safe and competent care in Australia’s rural and remote communities, especially in areas where dental services may be limited.

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