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Knowledge Management Centre
University of Kent, Canterbury Campus

1.00pm - 1.15pm: Lunch
1.15pm - 2.15pm: Research Seminar

Free sandwich lunch and refreshments will be available

Research Seminar: 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Physician Associates in Primary Care in England – insights from a national study

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Abstract:

A new health professional group, physician associates (formerly known as physician assistants), has been developing over the past ten years in the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom. In 2015 the Secretary of State for Health in England announced that 1000 physician associates (PAs) will be trained and available to work in general practice by 2020. This seminar draws on evidence from a National Institute of Health Research Study (2010-2013) which examined the contribution physician associates make to primary care in England (Drennan et al 2014, Drennan et al 2015). The study used a multi-phase, mixed methods design addressing questions as to how they were deployed, what was their impact on the patient experience and outcomes and on the organisation of general practice and practice costs. This seminar will provide some background information on physician associates before presenting the findings and offering an opportunity for discussion and debate.

Places are limited and available on a first come first served basis.

To reserve your FREE place and for further information,

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