

Research Project Proforma (School of Medicine)

Research Title: Keywords (up to 5)	1. Health literacy – and polypharmacy – impact of HL on patient safety 2. Notion of ‘stepped down care’ in community for patients discharged from hospital Health Literacy; patient safety; self-management; patient participation / shared decision making
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Type of projects offered (delete as appropriate)	Both – would prefer intercalation

(1) Outline the broad aims of your research (max 150 words):

1) Look at large databases for evidence of polypharmacy and poor HL – look at possible patient safety issues

Also if longer time available – consider review of literature to see what already been looked at in terms of patient safety and poor HL

Or

2) review of literature to examine the concept of ‘stepped down care’ – much of literature talks about stepping up care – what happens to patients once discharged from 6 weeks of cardiac rehab or whatever – is there an in between community support – review of literature – then if longer time – consider interviews with a community team (Workers Education Association) in Stoke to explore the notion of community led ‘stepped down care’

Possibly some analyses of community outcomes

(2) Indicate the skills/techniques the student will learn (max 100 words)

Systematic reviewing of literature

Analyses of data bases

Qualitative analyses /interviewing skills

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