

# Seminar

**Hosted by the Injury Prevention Research Unit  
&  
Clinical Advisory Services Aotearoa**

## **Oh, Let's Just not Talk About it: Challenges and Opportunities in Preventing Patient Suicide**

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Dr. Quinnett will address the challenges and opportunities for the detection, assessment, and management of suicidal patients in primary care settings. He will focus on current problems with suicide screens and the assessment of immediate risk, and will offer solutions for enhancing patient's safety by reducing the three most common preventable medical errors. His presentation will focus on the evaluation and outcomes of using the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR, <http://www.qprinstitute.com/>) emergency mental health intervention in New Zealand. The learning objectives of the presentation are:

- Understand statistics about suicide
- Describe the benefits of intervention and treatment of suicidality
- Identify three avoidable practice errors
- Need for training in suicide risk assessment
- The relationship of mental illness and substance abuse to suicide
- Family-centric suicide risk assessment
- Evidence-based treatments: What works?

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (Monday)  
**Time:** 1 - 2 pm  
**Venue:** Colquhoun Lecture Theatre, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Dunedin Hospital

*All interested people are welcome to attend*