



THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL »

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE

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The Royal Women's Hospital Alcohol & Drug Service (WADS), is the only state-wide drug and alcohol service providing clinical services to pregnant women with complex substance use-dependence.

We have a long history of working with the most marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable women and have considerable expertise on how to advance their health and well-being and the medical needs of their infants.

Our service delivery model is unique within Victoria, as we utilise a multidisciplinary team approach to thoroughly address the often complex, psychosocial needs of these women. Our team consists of obstetricians, midwives, social workers, psychiatrists, paediatricians, pharmacists and dieticians.

Comprehensive support from a multidisciplinary team is critical in reducing the harms associated with alcohol and drug use in pregnancy. Our support of these women is further enhanced through the provision of a secondary consultation service to medical, health and community workers. This includes a 24 hour on-call obstetric service.

The Women's Alcohol & Drug Service offers education and training programs throughout the year for health professionals and health care agencies who work with pregnant women and their infants. These training programs are free of charge although bookings are essential.

Course schedule, next page.

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:

Tel	(03) 8345 3931
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Email	wads@thewomens.org.au
Cost	Free
Bookings	Although our training courses are free, bookings are essential. All registrations must be made on the WADS online booking site .
Venue	Conference Room A, Ground Floor The Royal Women's Hospital Cnr Grattan St & Flemington Rd Parkville
Cancellations	As places are limited, please call (03) 8345 3931 to cancel your place to allow others to attend. www.thewomens.org.au/wm-wads-training



SEMESTER ONE

The impact of cannabis use on pregnant women

This session will discuss the impact, care and treatment options for women attending Team Care. The session will include 'Relapse Prevention' training.

Date **Thursday 21 March 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**

“Will they let me go home with my baby?”

Navigating the Child Protection system when working with infants identified at risk of harm.

Date **Thursday 11 April 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**

Providing pregnancy care to South Sudanese women impacted by drug and alcohol use

This session will provide a background to South Sudanese culture and migration history. We will focus on best practice treatment and therapeutic options for women seeking pregnancy care and support around their drug and alcohol use. This will include discussion on how to provide a positive pregnancy and birthing experience and support for their drug and alcohol use.

Date **Thursday 16 May 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**

Is she drug affected? Or is this a trauma response or both?

What motherhood looks like for women with complex needs? Principles and skills in engaging with women with complex trauma experiences and history.

Date **Wednesday 12 June 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**



SEMESTER TWO

Thinking about ethics when working with women who are using substances and alcohol in pregnancy

An ethical discussion on the rights of the infant and the rights of the mother. How do we reconcile what can sometimes be viewed as opposing pathways of care for mother and child? (Panel discussion).

Date **Tuesday 23 July 2019**

Time **9.30-1.00pm**

The harms associated with methamphetamine use for pregnant women and their infants

This session will explore the barriers and challenges in providing methamphetamine treatment and the prevalence and impact of poly-drug use for methamphetamine users.

Date **Thursday 29 August 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**

Layer upon layer of trauma: Working with women experiencing perinatal grief and loss in the context of drug and alcohol use

Breastfeeding in the context of alcohol and drug use. This education session will use a case exploration to examine what grief and loss can mean in the perinatal period for women who have used substances and/or alcohol in pregnancy.

Date **Wednesday 18 September 2019**

Time **9.30am-1.00pm**
