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Biographies: Steve Kisely is a psychiatrist, addiction and public health physician, and works as a Professor at the University of Queensland and Adjunct Professor in Psychiatry, Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University in Canada.

A/Prof Siskind trained as a psychiatrist in Australia and the United States. He graduated from medicine at the University of Queensland in 1998, did his psychiatry training at Boston University an MPH at Harvard in 2005 and completed his Ph.D at UQ in Feb 2014. He works clinically as a psychiatrist at Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Service with people with treatment refractory schizophrenia. His research interests include clozapine, treatment refractory schizophrenia and the cardiometabolic comorbidities of schizophrenia. He was awarded an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship (2016-2019) looking at the cardio-metabolic health of people with severe and persistent mental illness. He has over 80 peer reviewed publications, including 2 first author in the highly ranked British Journal of Psychiatry, and has over $4 million in research grants in the past 5 years, including as a CI on an NHMRC Project Grant.

Dr Shuichi Suetani is a psychiatry registrar at Logan Hospital in Brisbane. He completed his medical degree with distinction in psychological medicine from University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, before moving to Adelaide to start his medical career. Dr Suetani moved to Brisbane in 2015 to commence a two year Psychiatry Registrar Research Fellowship under supervision of Professor John McGrath and Associate Professor James Scott. He is currently undertaking a PhD exploring physical activity in people with mental disorders.

Dr Clark is Clinical Director of Mental Health Drug and Alcohol services for the Western NSW Local Health District in NSW, and Conjoint Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health and Medicine, University of Newcastle. His medical education and specialist training were in the US, where he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and an International Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He completed a fellowship in public psychiatry at Columbia University and led a clinical research unit there before moving to Australia where he was the Director of Mental Health for a large metropolitan mental health service in Sydney. He is a fellow of the RANZCP and Member of the Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry. Dr Clark has interests in population health, psychosis and addictions, and leadership and management in multidisciplinary health services with a focus on practice in rural environments.