

Research seminar:

Centre for Health Sciences and Services



TITLE: Medication Safety in Psychiatry and the Nurses' Role

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday 14th November 2018, 12noon - 12.40pm

LOCATION: Room 016, Learning Hub, Waterside Campus, University of Northampton, NN1 5PH

SPEAKER: Dr Ann Lykkegaard Sorensen, Lecturer University of Northern Denmark

BOOKING LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medication-safety-in-psychiatry-and-the-nurses-role-tickets-51709400208>

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Overview:

Errors in the medication process and the potentially inappropriate use of medications are acknowledged as a global problem leading to avoidable adverse events for patients across healthcare delivery systems. Unsafe medication practices can take place across prescribing, dispensing, administering and monitoring the use of medications and ultimately lead to increased use of economic resources, harm to patients, or ultimately death. However, the research in medication safety in psychiatry is limited and even more so when it comes to nurses' role in safeguarding patients with mental health issues.

Ann Lykkegaard Sorensen will in this lecture talk about methods and findings from her studies about medication errors and potentially inappropriate prescriptions in psychiatry. This include studies in which nurses systematically screened psychiatric patients' medication lists for inappropriate prescriptions and a qualitative exploration of nurses' experiences of collaborating with physicians about medication safety.

Ann Lykkegaard graduated as a registered nurse from The Aalborg School of Nursing in 2000 and went on to work with medical, surgical, and psychiatric patients. In 2010, she completed a Master's degree in Health Science (MHSc) and went on to lecture at University College of North Jutland (Denmark), where she currently teaches quantitative research methods. She defended her PhD thesis with the title "Medication Safety in Psychiatry – experiences from medication reviews and a nurse-led intervention" in 2017 and has written articles about medication safety in psychiatry and lectured nationally and internationally.

When psychiatric patients are admitted they will, among other health professionals, meet nurses. These patients are likely to be offered medications to help cope with their symptoms. Ann's vision is that people with mental health issues can expect nurses who are knowledgeable about medication safety and will make precise and reflective observations of appropriateness of medications including effects and sideeffects.