

Workshops

W1. European certificate in anxiety and mood disorders

Chairmen: E Griez, C Faravelli

Abstracts not received.

W2. Typology of the psychiatric consultation in adolescence

Chairman: S Tyano

Abstracts not received.

W3. Clinical practice guidelines

Chairman: C Palmer

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP

C. Palmer.

The purpose of this workshop is to describe the Royal College of Psychiatrists' approach to the development of clinical practice guidelines and to provide an opportunity to discuss, air concerns and consider the use of the guidelines once they are completed. The workshop begins with an introduction to the Programme and a look at why the College has become involved with guideline development. The principals of 'evidence-based medicine' and its relation to guideline development are discussed, and the processes involved in developing guidelines in a systematic way are described. The workshop ends with a chance for participants to look at guidelines from the United States and to discuss ways in which guidelines similar to these might be adopted and developed for use in daily clinical practice in this country. Participants are given a workshop pack containing reference material and details about the Programme to take away with them.