



PLENARY SESSION FIVE	
Event Code: LEE22-00523 World Mental Health Congress London Mental Health a Global Priority, London, UK 28/06/2022-01/07/2022	
Your details (as you want them listed in the programme)	Professor Michael Kidd Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Australian Government Department of Health Professor of Primary Care Reform, The Australian National University
Date and time of your plenary session	Wednesday 29 June 2022 14:30-16:10hrs Overall Session Theme: Sharing global experience and expertise
Duration	20 mins
Proposed title (please complete)	Learning from the pandemic crisis - lessons from Australia's primary care response to COVID-19
Learning Objectives (please complete)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendees will gain an understanding of the successes and challenges of Australia's response to the pandemic crisisAttendees will gain an understanding of the five principles of primary care pandemic response developed as part of the Australian response
Abstract (max 500 words)	<p>The Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID- 19) was activated on 27 February 2020, in response to the evolving global crisis. The national COVID-19 primary care response was then initiated.</p> <p>Australia's primary care response to COVID-19 acknowledged the strength of the nation's primary healthcare system and assigned key roles to general practice and the wider primary healthcare sector in responding to the pandemic, based on the essential first contact role of primary care and lessons drawn from previous epidemics and pandemics. It also placed general practice expertise within the national planning and decision-making processes alongside expertise in public health, infectious diseases, epidemiology, nursing, and mental health.</p> <p>Australia's national COVID-19 primary care response is based on a set of principles, which form a framework for managing both the current crisis and for future national and international responses to health emergencies, building on the contributions of general practice and primary care in the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protection of vulnerable people.2. Provision of treatment and support services to affected people.3. Continuity of regular healthcare services for the whole population.4. Protection and support of primary healthcare workers and primary care services.5. Provision of mental health services to the community and the primary healthcare workforce.
Key references or resources (maximum five)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Desborough J, Hall S, de Toca L, Davis S, Roberts L, Kelaher C, Kidd MR. Australia's National COVID-19 Primary Care Response. Medical Journal of Australia, 2020; 213 (3): 104-106.2. Kidd MR. Five principles for pandemic preparedness: lessons from the Australian COVID-19 primary care response. British Journal of General Practice, 2020; 70 (696): 316-317.



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| | <p>3. Desborough J, Hall Dykgraaf S, Rankin D, Kidd M. The importance of consistent advice during a pandemic: an analysis of Australian advice regarding personal protective equipment to protect people working in health care settings during COVID-19. <i>Australian Journal of General Practice</i>, 2020; 6: 369-372.</p> |
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