

Subject: CDDS scheme

Dear Senators

I don't know if you realise that dentistry is medicine. For example sleep is affected by the position of the jaw in relationship to tongue space and airway. Only a Dentist can fix this properly. Most of the patients on antidepressants and cardiovascular medication are such individuals. In fact migraines, headaches, chronic fatigue can all be fixed or improved by good dental treatment. Dental infections are killing patients by whole body inflammation and arthritis giving rise to pain and disability. It is not possible in a short time to explain all this but on a one to one discussion basis it can be shown.

I only take on cases that need this sort of care. I am not interested or discourage Medicare patients as far as possible because of misunderstanding with the auditing system and the attitude of certain patients who believe they are now entitled to this treatment and you fix me. They can go elsewhere as far as I am concerned

I certainly will write letters to the GP referring the patient but to be described as fraud if one fails in red tape is ridiculous. There are no issues with veterans affairs as it is a simpler system. To me the chronic sick patient with no income deserves some sympathy from everyone.

For me the identification of the true deserving patient is the case and if their problem is fixed by good dentistry then the cost of medicine benefits as the main cause such as dental distress syndrome which is same as general adaptive syndrome is corrected. They are now free from pain, have better mobility sleep and energy. They can now be productive.

I had one patient on disability who had 7 sleep studies, with chronic fatigue seen all the medical profession and responded with simple treatment that is life changing

Another example if you loose you back teeth, your knees will play up as well as your neck and all your joints

Medicine is not a complete science the dental aspect is so neglected to the detriment of all

Australians

Here is my 2 cents

Regards

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