

# CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

## PHD Completion Seminar

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### **“Regulation in Need of Therapy” Relationships Between Doctors’ Health, Medical Regulation, and Medical Negligence Claims in Australia: a Legal, Quantitative, and Qualitative Analysis**

**Presenter: Dr Owen Bradfield**

**Supervisors:**

**Prof. Matthew Spittal and Prof. Marie Bismark**

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**10.00am - 11.00am**

**Via Zoom**

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Dr Owen Bradfield is a Medical Practitioner, Health Lawyer, and PhD Candidate in the Centre for Mental Health and Centre for Health Policy.

He is currently Chief Medical Officer of the Medical Indemnity Protection Society and a Member of the AIHW Ethics Committee.

Owen commenced his PhD in 2019 and, in 2022, undertook six months of his PhD candidature at the Department of Health Policy at Stanford University as a 2020 Fulbright Future Scholar.

Owen is also a recipient of an Australian Research Training Program Scholarship, a 2021 Avant Foundation Grant and a 2022 MDHS Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Research.

Medical regulation and medical negligence litigation exist to protect the public from unsafe, impaired, or poorly performing doctors. However, these legal processes can worsen health outcomes for doctors, paradoxically increasing public risks.

This PhD has identified novel risks, predictors and outcomes of regulatory action and medical negligence claims against doctors in Australia. This has potential implications for patient safety and doctors’ health, and requires a rethinking of the ways in which regulators and the medical profession deal with impaired doctors.

These seminars are free. Visitors are welcome to attend.  
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