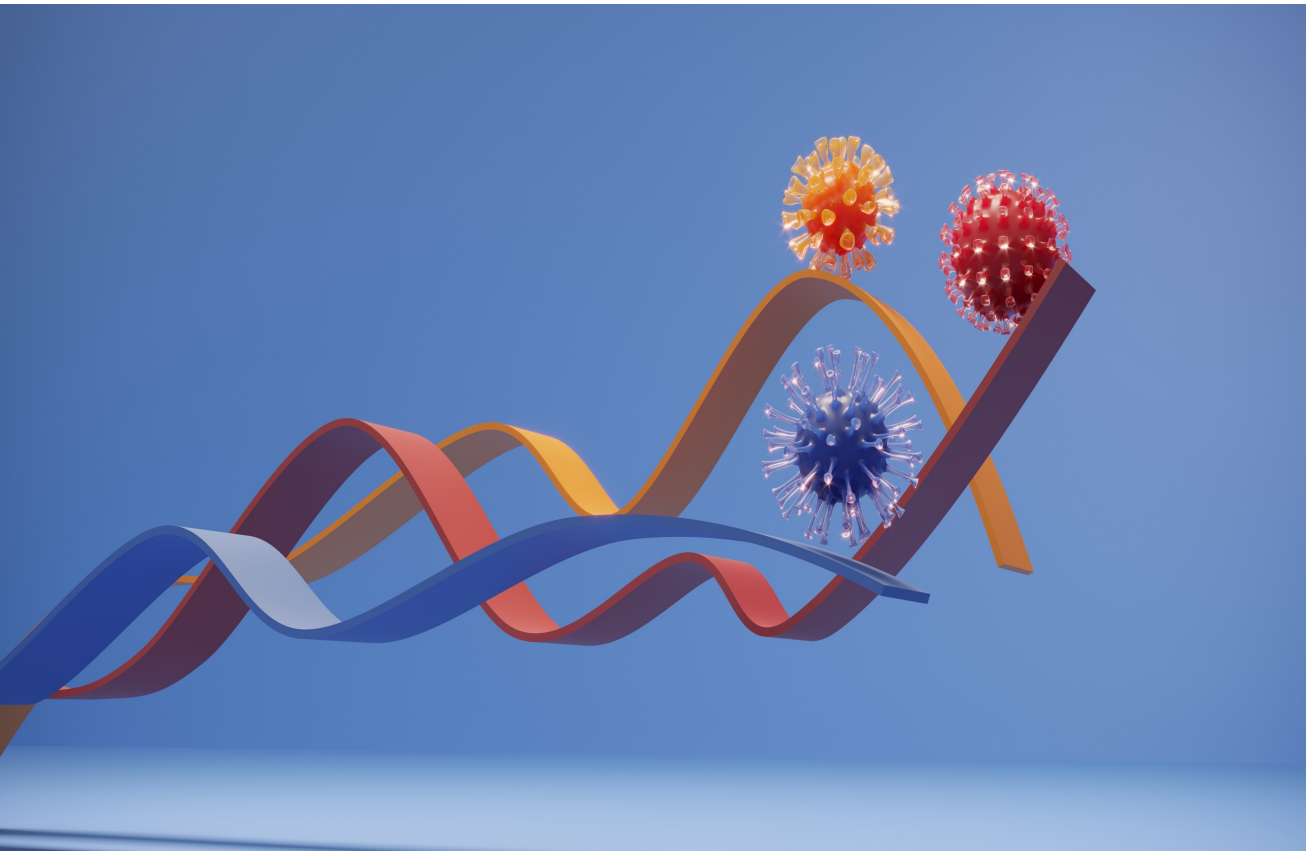




Welcome to the exciting
world of Forensic Disability!

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The Cairnmillar Institute acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.



Agenda

- What is Forensic Disability?
- Intersection between Forensic disability and other disciplines and specialities
- The provision of forensic disability services in Victoria, Australia.
- Intersection between Forensic disability and NDIS
- Exciting clinical placements in forensic disability
- Research opportunities



Presenters

- Presenter 1: Dr Ming-Yun Hsieh
- Presenter 2: Jacqui Brown
- Presenter 3: Dr Joseph Sakdalan



My journey to the world of forensic disability...

Dates	Experience	Learning
Late 1990s - early 2004	• Clinical health psychology in Melbourne • Community and inpatient mental health in NZ • Involvement with the dual disability services (clients with intellectual disability and mental illness)	• Qualified as a clinical psychologist • Mental health and intellectual disability • Develop skills in ID and mental health assessments • Gain knowledge and skills in applied behaviour analysis and other ID specific interventions
2004 - 2017	• Work in forensic mental health • Work in forensic intellectual disability services (inpatient and community)	• Specialise in clinical neuropsychology • Specialise Forensic psychiatry and forensic psychology • Gain knowledge and skills in specialist assessments and interventions

My journey to the world of forensic disability...

Dates	Experience	Learning
2004 - 2017	• Providing treatment to violent and sexual offenders with mental illness and/or intellectual disability • Experience with the court system (e.g. fitness to stand trial, IDDCR Act as a Specialist Assessor in NZ) • Working with correctional services (prisoners with cognitive impairment) • Provision of in-service and external training to staff, caregivers and support workers • Conducting research in forensic disability	• Gain knowledge in the assessment and treatment of violent and/or sexual offenders • Develop skills in program development and evaluation • Develop skills in court report writing and expert evidence work • Research in this field (e.g. use of DBT with ID offenders, ID sexual offender treatment, etc.)

My journey to the world of forensic disability...

Dates	Experience	Learning
2017 - present	• Moved to Melbourne and worked at the Problem Behaviour Program, Forensicare • Development of offence-specific programs for Corrections (e.g. family violence, female offenders, treatment readiness, etc.) and the Violence reduction program and the sexual offender treatment programs currently being implemented within Forensic Disability Service in Victoria and the Queensland Forensic Disability Services • Joined CMI in 2020 • Unit Coordinator for the Advanced Assessment for Clinical Psychologists • Working with complex trauma clients	• Specialised assessments (e.g. stalking, fire setters, domestic violence, violent and/or sexual offenders) • Consolidation of my knowledge in assessments • Develop offence specific and offence-related programs • Schema therapy and EMDR • Develop skills in training staff in assessment and intervention with this client group

Reflection on my experience and learning so far...

- Forensic Disability is a challenging and exciting specialty.
- It involves gaining knowledge and skills in various psychology specialties such as developmental and educational psychology, clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology, forensic psychology, and other disciplines such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, behaviour support practitioners, social work, psychiatry and other medical specialities, etc.
- Opportunity to work in the intersection of disability, law, and mental health
- Involves working with various sectors
- It is fulfilling to work with a marginalised group that would greatly benefit from your intervention.

Reflection on my experience and learning so far...

- It is a fast growing specialty. There are opportunities for innovative and pioneering work (e.g. DBT with ASD, plan to utilise adapted schema and EMDR with cognitively impaired clients with complex trauma issues).
- Opportunities for placement and research



Questions ???

- Please email me at Joseph.Sakdalan@cairnmillar.edu.au if you have any queries.
- Thank you.



Thank You!

