

# *Abnormal mental states and palliative care*

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She has been active in research related to delirium and the reactivation of post traumatic memory and has presented internationally in this area.

Dr Clifton lectures frequently on cancer issues and the psychiatric aspects of medical illness and runs short courses on these topics.

## **This workshop is specifically for:**

- ❖ Palliative Care Services
- ❖ General Practice
- ❖ Aged care

## **Workshop objectives:**

- to be able to identify 'normal' anxiety and sadness
- to distinguish between grief, depression, demoralisation and traumatised states.
- to understand the manifestations of distress of those with personality disorder
- to recognise serious mental illness
- to recognise organic causes of distress
- to become familiar with 'in the moment' responsiveness and what more specialized intervention may involve.
- to recognise patterns of family distress
- to be able to acknowledge and attend to staff distress

**WHEN:** Tuesday 5 Dec 2017

**WHERE:** Sandy by the Bay,  
Sandringham

**TIME:** 1pm – 4pm

**Registration essential ... [CLICK HERE!](#)**

**Note:** There will be another workshop during the morning that you may also be interested in attending. *Changes to the Victorian Law on Consent* will be facilitated by Claire McNamara, Office of the Public Advocate.

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