



The Australian Centre for Addiction Research is currently preparing a Clinical Practice Guideline for Managing Comorbidity. The Practice Guideline will address: (a) patients presenting to Drug and Alcohol Services with MH problems, (b) patients presenting to mental health services with D&A problems, and (c) those presenting to Emergency Departments.

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