Healthcare Scenarios in Developmental Disability Medicine

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The CDDHV

- Academic unit within the Faculty of Medicine, Monash University & University of Melbourne
- Aims to improve health outcomes for people with developmental disabilities through teaching, research & clinical activities.
- Offers curriculum components at most year levels at both Monash University & University of Melbourne
- Teaches every medical student in the state
We know that people with disabilities are powerful teachers.
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Communication skills teaching

- In year 4 of 5 year course
- Tutors with developmental disabilities work with students with support of CDDHV tutors
- Evaluated positively by students
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In their evaluations session students said...

"I previously knew nothing about intellectual disability & how to work with someone who has one - I felt I learnt a lot."

"...the first time I have been aware of the spectrum of communication differences and how I have to tailor my communication to best fit the patient"

"a wonderful opportunity to deal with people with disabilities who were willing to help us become more understanding doctors as well as people."
We wanted to provide each student with the chance to ‘meet’ people with disabilities and so to have a personal context for their learning about Developmental Disability Medicine.
Four people with developmental disabilities form the heart of the product. Students 'meet' each person through the clinical scenario, an interview and personal images.

Through meeting Jacqui students are introduced to an Overview of Developmental Disabilities.

Through meeting Sara students learn about Issues in Communication.

Through meeting Colin students learn about some General Issues in Health Care.

Through meeting Geoff students learn about Mental Health and Illness in people with developmental disabilities.
So now let me show you what we’ve done …….