

Graduate School Seminar Series



Preventable deaths: *Understanding intellectual disability can save lives*

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A recent study has found that people with intellectual disability are more than twice as likely to experience preventable deaths than other members of the community, and on average die twenty-seven years earlier than the general population. It is statistics like these that remind us that we urgently need health professionals that have a comprehensive understanding of intellectual disability health, as well as a broader cognisance of the barriers that people with disability face in accessing the healthcare system.

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