

## PhD Completion Seminar: David Silkoff

'Sorry that I don't have any ethical dilemmas to discuss': illustrating the unrecognised ethical work of alcohol and other drug clinicians.

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Work within the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) field is a complex area of healthcare, and there is limited consideration of its ethical dimensions. This research explores AOD's ethical dimensions, and potential improvements in ethical practice. Participants were experienced AOD clinicians, whose work was characterised by engaging with ethical goals. Despite existing ethical expertise, participants rarely recognised their work as explicitly ethical. Suggestions to enhance ethical practice include increasing recognition of the importance of ethics in AOD.

David has been a part time PhD candidate in the Centre for Health Equity, and works as a nurse practitioner at Western Health Drug Health Services. He has undertaken his PhD exploring ethics and alcohol and other clinical work as a piece of insider research, aiming for it to have practical clinical implications. Consistent with this, the presentation is both a completion seminar and a Western Health grand round. It is aimed at both clinicians and an academic audience.