



Prisha

PERSONA DESCRIPTION

Prisha, 40, female, married, had trouble passing the AMC clinical exam but is doing well now in the WBA pathway. Country of training – Sri Lanka where she completed her medical degree. Her motivation for immigrating to Australia was for a better life for her children and partner. She lives in a small rural coastal town in QLD and works in a small rural hospital as a medical officer. She likes the lifestyle in Australia but is concerned her partner can’t find employment in his profession - he is currently working in retail and is still trying to pursue his career as a pharmacist. They are struggling as a family to integrate and have experienced some discrimination.

Prisha has been told by her supervisors that she needs to do some modules on cultural safety as this is an important area of learning. She is not sure she sees the benefit, because she comes from a colonised country. However, she is aware that most of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients that she sees don't end up coming back. She is confused because she treats all her patients with compassion and kindness. She participated in cultural safety training and found it incredibly valuable for making connections with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients. She is also working more closely with Aboriginal Liaison officers and seeing culturally safe care firsthand with her supervisors.

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AGE	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP STATUS
40 Years of Age	Female	Married with Children

COUNTRY OF TRAINING

Sri Lanka

STAGE OF TRAINING

Completed medical training.

PATHWAY

- STANDARD PATHWAY
- WORK BASED ASSESSMENT

MOTIVATIONS TO COME TO AUSTRALIA

Better lifestyle and economic.

AUSTRALIAN WORK LOCATION

Small rural coastal town in Queensland – in a rural hospital.

STRENGTHS

She won an award for clinical skills and research as part of her medical degree in Sri Lanka.

CHALLENGES

They are struggling as a family to integrate and have experienced some discrimination. She does not see the importance of cultural safety training.

ASPIRATIONS

She wants her family to be more settled and integrated and for her husband to restart his career as a pharmacist.

ENABLERS

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