

Jennifer Johnston

Dr Jennifer Johnston has worked in the drug and alcohol field for 15 years. During this time she has been involved in a wide range of studies—examining illicit drug markets, the social and cultural contexts of drug use, the management of GHB overdoses on Emergency Departments, and the treatment-seeking behaviour of injecting drug users. Upon moving to the Far North Coast of NSW five years ago, the focus of Jennifer's research turned to cannabis-related issues including the health outcomes associated with long-term use and interventions to reduce withdrawal symptoms following the cessation of use. Jennifer is currently a Research Fellow at the University Centre for Rural Health in Lismore, and is working on a range of health research projects including an examination of the barriers and enablers to the implementation of smoking cessation guidelines in antenatal care, the Diagnosing Potentially Preventable Hospitalisations (DaPPHne) study and a study exploring the use and impact of synthetic cannabinoids across NSW.