Dear Colleague,

Re: Notice of a beyondblue sponsored MJA supplement on Depression/anxiety and Physical Illness

*beyondblue: the national depression initiative* aims to raise awareness of depression and anxiety, help reduce the stigma associated with the illness and encourage people to seek help. Chronic physical illness, injury and disability are, of course, strong correlates of, and risk factors for, depression and anxiety, which are significant contributors to the associated suffering and loss of well-being. *beyondblue* is keenly interested to encourage research that will lead to improved and effective care for people experiencing depression and anxiety, and to strengthen the translation of research into improved policy and clinical practice.

In late 2008 *beyondblue* will sponsor a supplement of the *Medical Journal of Australia* on the topic of depression/anxiety and physical illness. If you have completed research in the area of depression/anxiety and physical illness, injury or disability that will be ready for publication soon, we invite you to submit an expression of interest. This will include a title, short description and authorship.

*beyondblue* will select a number of papers from submissions received which showcase quality Australian research in depression/anxiety and physical illness. Authors will then be invited to submit the completed papers according to the timeline below. Papers will be finally submitted to MJA online, and peer reviewed in the usual way.

Please make initial expressions of interest to Professor David Clarke, *beyondblue* Research Advisor at david.clarke@med.monash.edu.au with copies to Lisa Allwell, *beyondblue* Research Manager at lisa.allwell@beyondblue.org.au If you have any questions please contact Lisa (03) 9810 6100.

**Timeframe:**
- Submission of expression of interest to *beyondblue* May 5th 2008
- Selection of short list May 23 2008
- Submission of completed papers to *beyondblue* July 4 2008
- Submission of papers online to MJA July 18 2008
- Expected date of publication October 2008

Yours sincerely

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