

Supplementary Material

Chronic disease management and dementia: a qualitative study of knowledge and needs of staff

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Section One: Current knowledge, recognition and education for managing persons with dementia.

- What is the number and complexity of patients presenting to you and your service?
- Does the service make any special provisions for patients with dementia? If so, please explain

Section Two: Chronic disease management and dementia

- What are the issues you and your colleagues face in the management of a patient with dementia/ cognitive impairment who also has a chronic disease (such as diabetes mellitus, heart failure or COPD)?

Section Three: Nature of clinical circumstances

- Where do you see the most need if we consider the five key processes of disease self-management in people with dementia:

Section Four: Resources available at the 'point of care'

- In general, what resources are available for managing patients with dementia and a comorbid condition such as diabetes mellitus, heart failure or COPD that you are aware of?

Section Five: Recommendations to improve care of persons with dementia and chronic disease management

- What would you recommend to improve practice and support at the point of care for persons with dementia who have a chronic disease?
- What is your view about how we could increase staff knowledge and practice about community dwelling people with dementia with other chronic diseases who attend acute care hospital clinics or have been a hospital inpatient?

Section Six: Participant details

6.1 What is your role/position in your workplace. Please choose ONLY ONE of the following:

Mark only one answer that best describes your staff position:

Nurse Unit Manager or Associate Nurse Unit Manager

Registered Nurse Division 1

Registered Nurse Division 2

Manager, Director, Quality / Safety Coordinator

Education, Training and/or Researcher

Project Officer or Administrative Officer

General Practitioner

Medical Officer Registrar

Consultant Medical Specialist

Allied Health Clinician i.e Physiotherapist, occupational therapist, social worker, dietitian, speech pathologist

Pharmacist

6.2 In your staff position, do you typically have direct interaction or contact with residents?

Please choose only one of the following:

YES, at least once a week

NO, I typically do NOT have contact with patients

6.3 How long have you worked in your current specialty or profession (NOT JOB)?

Please choose only one of the following:

Less than 5 years

6 to 10 years

11 to 15 years

16 to 20 years

21 years or more

6.4: What is your age group?

Please choose only one of the following:

34 and under

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 and over

6.5: What is your gender?

Please choose only one of the following:

Male

Female

6.6: Which of the following most closely represents your primary affiliation?

Please choose only one of the following:

Hospital

Primary care e.g. general practice, community nursing care

University or other academic institution

Professional medical, nursing or other health college

Other

6.7: Which of the following represents the affiliation of your primary workplace?

Please choose only one of the following:

Metropolitan

Regional

Rural

6.8: Which of the following best represents your level of contact with persons with dementia?

Please mark one answer

Please choose only one of the following:

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Yearly

6.9 Which of the following best represents your expertise in chronic disease

Please mark one answer

Please choose only one of the following:

Diabetes mellitus

Heart failure

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Medication management

Other

6.10: Which of the following represents the state of your primary workplace?

Please choose only one of the following:

- Victoria
- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Western Australia