INNOVATION IN GERONTOLOGY NURSING

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• Concerns and Characteristics

• Conference and Innovation
CONCERNS AND CHARACTERISTICS

• Frailty and isolation
  • 23% older people report feeling lonely
• 1 in 4 women and 1 in 5 men diagnosed with depression in ARC (inter-Rai, 2018)
• Significant shortage of qualified nursing staff in Age Residential Care (ARC) facilities
  • https://www.interrai.co.nz/about/publications/
• Complexity of care requirements
• Workforce shortages for population
  • 50% of the nursing workforce retired by 2035 (BERL, 2010)
INNOVATIONS

• Electronic notes and medication management systems
• Booking online, text reminders for appointments
• Simulation suites
• Allocator for student clinical placement
• Workforce development innovations – looking at new ways of teaching and learning
• Flexible learning
NEED FOR A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

- Transdisciplinary Research approach required to solve “wicked problems”

- Innovation and creation
CONFERENCE 2018
SECTION OF GERONTOLOGY NURSING NZNO

- interRAI
- Ageing with Spinal Cord Injury
- Hearing Loss and Dementia
- GAP – Gerontology Acceleration Programme
- Spirituality in aged residential care
- Improving practice – the role of research
- Loneliness and isolation

- The new ‘Green’ prescription, cannabinoids and older adults
- Frailty
- Understanding and preparing for the ageing LGBTI community
- Mental health wellbeing of health professionals
- Get dotted – communication
- Get spotting – can you spot my spot
- Pacific approach to older people