

INNOVATION IN GERONTOLOGY NURSING

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NURSING TODAY

- 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