

2024 State Conference

Boomers & Beyond

Boomers & Beyond Concurrent Session: Saturday 2 nd November	
10:30am (Poster Pitch)	Development of a Consult-Liaison Model for RACFS, Are we there yet? (28) Susan Jenkins, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
,	The provision of palliative care in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) is complex and there is limited evidence on Models of Care (MoC) both nationally and internationally. Palliative care can be delivered to RACFs in a number of ways; specialist staff within a facility and in-reach or outreach services. Needs Rounds have proven successful, however, with the limited resources within our palliative care service an innovative and alternative MoC was needed to service 28 RACFs in the Illawarra.
10:35am	What Does PCOC Know About Specialist Palliative Care Provision in Residential Aged Care? (33) Anita Hartati, Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration
	Knowledge about those who receive Specialist Palliative Care (SPC) in Residential Aged Care (RAC) is lacking. PCOC routinely collects data from participating services providing specialist palliative care in-reach into RAC for quality improvement. In NSW, PCOC assessments were collected for 501 residents receiving SPC. Over half of all referrals to SPC originated from GPs. Residents most commonly require extensive nursing care. PCOC data suggests standardised referral criteria is required in RAC to improve accessibility to palliative care in aged care.
11:00am	Improving End-of-Life Care in Residential Aged Care Facilities: The I-Matter Project (38)
	Mia Taylen-Smith, University of Technology New models of end-of-life care in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) are required, that are resident centred and evidence-based, where professional care providers are available, valued and supported to provide quality care for a growing and vulnerable population. The I-matter Project delivered a complex intervention driven by local needs to embed evidence-based Palliative and End-of-Life care (P&EoLC) practice. It aimed to have clear components, dose and implementation strategies to provide clarity on causality of outcomes. The intervention encouraged staff at RACFs to establish organisational policies and structures concerning end-of-life care and improve palliative care knowledge, skills, and confidence of RACF nursing staff.
11:25am	Experiences of Government-Funded Aged Home Care in the Context of Life-Limiting Illness (43)
	Kristen Bindley, University of Technology, UTS Ageing Research Collaborative Despite the growing population of older Australians with life-limiting illnesses, little is known about
	the experience and effectiveness of government-funded programs of aged home care to support care at home at the end of life. This qualitative study sought to understand the experience of current or bereaved carers caring for a family member in the last year of life, who currently or previously received support through programs of commonwealth aged home care. Findings reveal limitations regarding the features and capacity of these programs to adequately, consistently and equitably support a preference for care at home at the end of life.

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