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**Quality geriatric care as perceived by nurses in long-term and acute care settings**

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**Aims and objectives.** This study focused on differences in nurses' satisfaction with the quality of care of older people and with organisational characteristics and work environment in acute care and long-term care settings.

**Background.** Numerous studies have explored links between nurses' satisfaction with care and work environments on the one hand and a variety of physical, behavioural and psychological reactions of nurses on the other. One key to keeping nurses in the workplace is a better understanding of nurses' satisfaction with the quality of care they provide.

**Design.** Descriptive design.

**Method.** The self-selected sample included 298 registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who provide care to minority, underserved and disadvantaged older populations in 89 long-term care and < 100 bed hospitals in 38 rural counties and eight metropolitan areas in a Southern state. All completed the Agency Geriatric Nursing Care survey, which consisted of a 13-item scale measuring nurses' satisfaction with the quality of geriatric care in their practice settings and an 11-item scale examining obstacles to providing quality geriatric care. Demographic variables were compared with chi-square. Independent *t*-tests were used to examine differences between nurses in long-term care and acute care settings.

**Results.** Significant differences were found in level of satisfaction and perceived obstacles to providing quality care to older adults between participants from acute and long-term care. Participants in long-term care had greater satisfaction with the quality of geriatric care than those in acute facilities.

**Conclusions.** Nurses in long-term care were more satisfied that care was evidence-based; specialised to individual needs of older adults; promoted autonomy and independence of elders; and was continuous across settings. Participants in acute facilities perceived more obstacles to providing quality geriatric care than nurses in long-term care facilities.

**Relevance to clinical practice.** Modification of hospital geriatric practice environments and leadership commitment to evidence-based practice guidelines that promote autonomy and independence of patients and staff could improve acute care nurses' perceptions of quality of geriatric care.

**Key words:** assessment, geriatric, licensed practical nurse, nurse's perception of satisfaction, quality care, registered nurse

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For numerous reasons it is essential that geriatric practitioners become involved in improving the care delivered to older patients in all clinical settings. One of the more promising approaches to...

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The authors supply case illustrations for the implementation of quality improvement processes in care settings for older adults, such as nursing homes, home care, acute care, and office practice, as well as in the training of medical students and postgraduates. Demonstrations are given as to how different approaches can be effectively applied to each setting. Reviews. User-contributed reviews ...

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Participants in long-term care had greater satisfaction with the quality of geriatric care than those in acute facilities. Conclusions. Nurses in long-term care were more satisfied that care was evidence-based; specialised to individual needs of older adults; promoted autonomy and independence of elders; and was continuous across settings. Participants in acute facilities perceived more obstacles to providing quality geriatric care than nurses in long-term care facilities.

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For example, integrated and home-based geriatric care management improve quality of care and reduce acute care utilization among high-risk community-dwelling elderly people. 4 Collaborative care interventions are more effective for depression in older people than usual care and are also of high value. 5 Similarly, geriatric intervention improved functional abilities and mental well-being of ...

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Background Health care systems that succeed in preventing long term care and hospital admissions of frail older people may substantially save on their public spending. The key might be found in high-quality care in the community. Quality Indicators (QIs) of a sufficient methodological level are a prerequisite to monitor, compare, and improve care quality.

### Quality indicators for community care for older people: A ...

Integration means to improve the service in relation to access to care, quality of care, user satisfaction, and efficiency of care'. For that purpose each geriatric rehabilitation service organisation developed or improved care pathways for a specific group, i.e. stroke, joint replacement and hip fracture, as well as for other smaller groups of specific diseases (i.e. COPD, amputation ...

### Changes in geriatric rehabilitation: a national programme ...

Developed with input from the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) and published less than three months after the interim report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, SHPA's Standard of practice in geriatric medicine for pharmacy services has highlighted the need for pharmacists with specific geriatric medicine expertise to work as part of ...

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Studies in NICHE hospitals demonstrate that quality geriatric care requires a positive Nurse Practice Environment (NPE) in which the structure and processes of hospital services focus on specific patient care needs. NICHE has been the most successful in recruiting hospital membership as well as contributing to the depth of geriatric hospital programming. While all geriatric models of care ...

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Despite multiple initiatives in post-acute and long-term nursing home care settings (NHs) to improve the quality of care while reducing health care costs, research in NHs can prove challenging. Extensive regulation for both research and NHs is designed to protect a highly vulnerable population but c ... Conducting Clinical Research in Post-acute and Long-term Nursing Home Care Settings ...

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The relationships between general and geriatric-specific nursing practice environments (NPEs) and nurse-perceived quality of geriatric care in hospitals were examined using the Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystems Elders benchmarking database. The overall general NPE was negatively related, but the overall geriatric-specific NPE was positively related to quality of geriatric care. Among ...

### The Nursing Practice Environment and Nurse-Perceived ...

We concluded that rural hospital work environments may not be optimized to facilitate

the delivery of quality geriatric care. Targeted interventions are needed to improve overall quality of care for hospitalized older adults in rural settings. KW - acute care. KW - gerontology. KW - location of care. KW - methods. KW - nurses. KW - nurses as ...

### Factors Influencing RNs' Perceptions of Quality Geriatric ...

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What the quality statement means for service providers, health and social care practitioners, and commissioners. Service providers (hospitals) ensure that systems are in place to start comprehensive geriatric assessments when older people with complex needs are admitted to hospital.. Health and social care practitioners (such as geriatricians) ensure that they start a comprehensive geriatric ...

### Quality statement 2: Comprehensive geriatric assessment ...

In summary, we encourage physical therapists working in a geriatric setting to emphasize patient functional abilities and prioritize treatment to improve quality of life, even during a health emergency such as COVID-19. Therefore, we suggest adoption of criteria, such as those presented in the Figure.

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