



**Managing Challenging Behaviours in Older People with Cognitive Impairment**  
**Rialto, Collins St, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia**  
**Thursday 28 May – Friday 29 May 2009**

## **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Change Champions invites participation in its toolkit seminar, **Managing Challenging Behaviours in Older People With Cognitive Impairment** by submitting an abstract to present at the seminar.

### **Seminar Aims:**

- To highlight strategies for managing behaviours that affect access to and the delivery of services/care for older people with cognitive impairment, including what works well and what doesn't work so well.
- To showcase patient centred approaches, models of service delivery/care/respite/support, tools and techniques and other innovations that have been proven to be effective in managing behaviours that impact the care of older people with cognitive impairment.
- To demonstrate effective approaches to education and training for healthcare professionals to better enable them to delivery quality care for older people with cognitive impairment with challenging behaviour.

### **Audience**

Any health professional who is involved in strategy development and implementation, management and or delivering care to older people with cognitive impairment where there is a concern about the patient/clients behaviour as it relates to the delivery of their care.

### **Call for Papers**

Submissions are invited for abstracts that showcase success stories around the development and implementation of strategies, programs and other initiatives to better to care for older people with cognitive impairment where their behaviour impacts their care

Topic areas include: access, acute care/subacute, assessment, behavioural services, best practice, care co-ordination, care planning, clinical decisions, clinical practice improvement, chronic/complex, cognitive assessment, communication, cultural and linguistic sensitivity, education and training, equity, ethical challenges, facility design, family and carer support, integration, measuring behavioural disturbance, medication management, medication safety, mental health, mobility, models of care, models of service delivery, multidisciplinary teams, partnerships in care delivery, patient centred care/experience/journey, patient safety, psychosocial approaches, quality of life, quality of care, service improvement, skill mix, socio-environmental approaches, staffing models and staff safety, support services, workforce development (inc staff education and training).

## Guidelines for Abstracts

Abstracts should be presented in Microsoft Word format and submitted electronically.

### Author Information

- Include the title of the proposed paper, each author's name with the name of the presenting author underlined, position title, organization and contact details ie telephone, email and mailing address.

### Brief Biography

- Include a 6 line biography for the presenting author
  - Must be written in sentences and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person
  - Should focus on relevant professional experience.

### Abstract

- Focus on the **practical implementation of a program/project/case study** where the outcomes/results have led to changes and the lessons learnt
- **State what your presentation adds to what is already known** ie how/why is your work innovative?
- Be no more than 250 words in length
- Please check spelling and grammar before you submit.

### Additional Information

- Theoretical papers will not be considered
- Submissions from commercial organizations will only be considered if an innovations program with results is described
- International speakers are asked to provide a statement that they have access to funding to be able to present in Melbourne, VIC
- Please check that you have provided all of the requested information and that the information you are providing is accurate.

### Presentation Format

Abstracts accepted will be presented at the seminar as a PowerPoint presentation.

Presenters will be allocated a 20-minute timeslot, plus 5 minutes for discussion.

### Important Dates

**16 February 2009** – submission of abstracts, either online at <http://www.changechampions.com.au> or by email to [changechampions@bigpond.com](mailto:changechampions@bigpond.com)

ONE AUTHOR PER PRESENTATION will receive **one complimentary registration** to both days of the seminar and any other social event for the seminar. Additional authors will be required to register and pay for their participation in the seminar. Please note that **travel and accommodation expenses to the seminar will be at the presenter's expense.**

#### For further information:

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