

2012 MASTER CLASS

with Alice Rota-Bartelink

The Challenge of
Long Term Alcohol Abuse
in Older Adults



April - December 2012

Managing Older Clients living with
Alcohol Related Brain Injury

BACKGROUND

Mainstream aged care services are well designed to meet the physical care and functional needs of most clients but often cannot provide the structure required to successfully manage neurobehavioural disability expressed as challenging behaviour arising from long-term alcohol abuse.

Contributing factors can include;

- the physical environment (such as staff-to-client ratios, security, accessibility, location, less restrictive settings)
- staffing issues (insufficient staff numbers, insufficient training in neurobehavioural disability and rehabilitation, poor understanding of client presentations, low expectations of the client)
- Insufficient specialised support (from neuropsychologists, neuropsychiatrists)
- insufficient routine and appropriate behavioural programming directed toward the promotion of more positive behaviours
- uncondusive organisation principles and philosophies (abstinence policies, approaches to recreation, tolerance, acceptance of concessional residents)

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

- ⇒ Introduction
- ⇒ Alcohol & Alcoholism
- ⇒ Symptoms
- ⇒ Alcohol and the Ageing Body
- ⇒ Comorbidity
- ⇒ Alcohol and the Brain
- ⇒ The Role of a Neuropsychologist
- ⇒ Treatment
- ⇒ Managing Challenging Behaviour
- ⇒ Aggressive Behaviour
- ⇒ Self Care Practices - Staff
- ⇒ Case Profile
- ⇒ Conclusion

Master Class Aim

To facilitate the transfer of skills and knowledge gained through evaluative research into the provision of appropriate support to clients living with alcohol related brain injury (ARBI) this presentation will provide education on the effects of long-term alcohol abuse on an older person and advice on strategies to assist service providers with managing behaviours of concern among older clients living with ARBI.

MASTER CLASS FACILITATOR

Alice Rota-Bartelink

Alice Rota-Bartelink has worked across a wide range of service sectors as an allied health practitioner. She held a 4-year lecturing position at La Trobe University, Melbourne where she attained her PhD.

In 2001 Alice partnered the UK and USA in an international study examining the antecedents of homelessness among the elderly and in 2004 became principal researcher at Wintringham, a non-for-profit provider of aged care services to the homeless population, where she was responsible for The Wicking Project investigating models of care in support of older homeless individuals living with alcohol related brain injury.

In 2007 Alice visited some 20 international service providers in the UK and The Netherlands investigating strategies in support of older people managing long-term alcohol and drug abuse. Alice has authored 6 peer-reviewed journal articles and within the past 3 years has presented at over 25 national and international conferences. Alice was recently appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow at NARI - the National Aging Research Institute (NARI).



“This Master Class aims to improve the life quality of this often forgotten and neglected group of people by providing participants with an understanding of their unique set of care needs and imparting the skills required to enhance the delivery of effective care and support.”

- Alice Rota-Bartelink

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The Master Class will be for the following organisation:

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Approximate number of delegates? _____

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1/2 day or Full day? (state preferred times) _____

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