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# "Dementia Champions : Training to Care"



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- Training support
- Skills development
- Competency
- Assessment
- Scholarships
- Education



# Background

- 'Raising Awareness of Dementia in Acute Care Project'
- DoHA Community Support Grant funding
- Development, delivery and evaluation of three dementia training workshops in three acute hospitals in the Illawarra.
- Identification of dementia champions to continue dementia education in the workplace.



# Objectives

- Develop clinician skills to roll out pre-developed workshops in the workplace.
- Strengthen and consolidate relationships formed during the Acute Care Project
- Facilitate professional development and career pathways for practitioners



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# A Dementia Champion's Experience

## Benefits for the Person with Dementia in Acute Care setting



# Benefits for the Person with Dementia

- Better understanding about the needs of a person with dementia
- Improved use of dementia assessment tools
- Increased referrals to specialist geriatrician
- Increased one-on-one activities in dementia care
- Holistic approach to ward accommodation for individuals



# Benefit for the Person with Dementia in Emergency Department

- Environment
- Family
- Activities



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# The Person



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# Environment



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# Family



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# Psycho-social Intervention





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# Benefit for the Person with Dementia on a Medical Ward





- Environment
- Family
- Psycho-social intervention





## Case Study

- Admitted to ED
- Restraints
- Labeled
- Transferred to 4 bed dementia room





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# The Right Care in the Right Place at the Right Time





# Future Directions

- New dementia champions
- Strengthened relationship between university and clinical partners
- Continuing professional development for dementia champions
- Continuation of dementia educational workshops
- Expanding workshops to include carers and organisations



# Conclusion

Improved clinical practice to achieve the goal

“Dementia: Care in the right place at the right time”

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