



2024 National Mental Health Webinar Series

Improving mental health for older people
in residential aged care services

Episode 4

Mental health presentations in persons with dementia

Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 1pm

About the webinar topic

Episode 4 of the 2024 National Mental Health Webinar Series will explore the clinical and care challenges in managing individuals with dementia living in residential aged care who display features of mental health conditions.

One of the common challenges for aged care and health care professionals is to determine whether resident disturbed behaviours are due to perceptual or sensory changes, onset of a mental health condition, medication or dementia.

Who should register?

This webinar is designed for aged care staff, nurses, facility managers, allied health staff and medical practitioners.

The program

1:00pm	Welcome
1:05pm	Case Presentation <i>Professor Joseph Ibrahim</i>
1:15pm	Keynote Presentation Mental health presentations in persons with dementia <i>Associate Professor Stephen Macfarlane Head of Clinical Services, The Dementia Centre, HammondCare</i>
1:35pm	Facilitated panel discussion <i>Associate Professor Stephen Macfarlane, Associate Professor Sanetta Dutoit, Carolyn Kirby, Dr Christine While</i>
1:55pm	Close

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<https://rb.gy/pge2vh>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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What is the webinar format?

The format is short and sharp, lasting 60 minutes; during that time, a case study is presented, then a keynote speaker, followed by an interactive panel discussion.

Who is the keynote speaker?

Associate Professor Stephen Macfarlane
Head of Clinical Services, The Dementia Centre, HammondCare.

Professor Macfarlane focuses on patient diagnosis and initiation of management, collaborating with General Practitioners. He coordinates a specialist clinical support team while applying his 20 years of experience running clinical trials in Alzheimer's disease.

Who are the panel members?

Associate Professor Sanetta du Toit

Sanetta du Toit is an international occupational therapy researcher and practitioner with an established reputation for innovation in aged care. She has been a lecturer for the past 20 years, working in the Discipline of Occupational Therapy Division at the University of Sydney since January 2014. She is a senior research fellow with the University of Free State (South Africa) and previously had clinical positions in the UK, USA and South Africa. Sanetta is interested in implementation research, supporting the occupational nature of older adults who are frail and vulnerable. As a founding director of the Eden Alternative South Africa, Sanetta endeavours to be an advocate for older persons' right to a meaningful life in institutional care settings.

Carolyn Kirby

Carolyn Kirby is a Nurse Practitioner with residential-in-reach service.

Dr Christine While

Dr Christine While is a registered psychiatric nurse with a special interest in dementia care. She has extensive experience in the care of people living with dementia and older adults with mental illness. Christine is the program lead for a new leadership program with Dementia Training Australia and past Fellow with the Capacity Building in Care Research program run by the Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration: QUT Hub and the NHMRC National Institute.

Who is the convenor and facilitator?

Professor Joseph Ibrahim

Professor at Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care, La Trobe University.

Joseph is a practising senior consultant specialist in geriatric medicine with over 30 years of experience and the current Residential Aged Care Communiqué editor.

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Missed an episode?

Recordings of Episode 1: Accessing Mental Health Services; Episode 2: Wellness and Social Inclusion; and Episode 3: Depression Recognition and Management are available at <https://www.thecommuniques.com/mentalhealth>

Save the date!

Episode 5: Wednesday, 13 November 2024 at 1pm
Mental Health Crises: suicide and other emergencies

The keynote speaker is Professor Brian Draper AM
Conjoint Professor, School of Psychiatry, UNSW and Senior Old Age Psychiatrist in the South East Sydney Local Health Network

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