

CROSS CULTURAL INTEREST GROUP PRESENTS

“Dementia: Updates on Primary Care Assessment Pathway: Part I, Part II”

Presenters: Dr Gary Cheung, Dr Michal Lynn Boyd, Dr Sarah Cullum

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Dear All,

Re: Announcement of the forth-coming presentation of the Cross Cultural Interest Group.

“Dementia: Updates on primary care assessment pathway

Part I: Do Asians have different needs?

Part II: How best can we explore the needs and engage Asians in Dementia research?”



This session will be accessible concurrently on the webcast for those who are unable to attend in person.

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There is a growing population of Asians 65 years and over. There is also likely to be a correspondent increase in numbers of persons suffering from **Dementia**. *This presentation is the first of two aiming at first presenting an update on primary care assessment pathways to identify the needs in the general population and if possible to address the issue whether Asian’s needs are similar. The second presentation and workshop* (see the next flyer in June) intends to involve interested members to share their experience in a discussion group to assist the researchers in answering the question as to how one could engage Asians in **dementia research** intended to highlight the needs and pathways involved in care. Whilst it would be beneficial for the audience to attend both sessions, members could choose to attend one or the other depending on their interest. It is hoped that our members could give constructive feedbacks –a challenging new function for our group.

Dementia is a growing clinical issue for general practice with more elderly people around and more people with **dementia** and their families staying at home. According to the presenters, the first session of this **dementia** series will overview what one needs to know to best use the support available from the PHO and DHB. The second session will involve one as participants of a research workshop exploring the utility of primary care based cognitive impairment pathway for Asians and identifying enablers and barriers for Asians to be involved in **dementia research**.

In 2013 the **NZ Ministry of Health** published the *NZ Framework for Dementia Care* informing the development of **dementia care pathways** in each of the 20 publically funded DHBs. Many DHBs have now established primary-care based cognitive impairment pathway with support from secondary-care based specialist services, including a suite of recently launched nationwide e-learning resources.

In 2014 Waitemata DHB, ProCare PHO and Waitemata PHO collaborated to develop the *Cognitive Impairment Pathway*. 61 people were enrolled in the pathway across 6 GP practices. The presenters will include a discussion about the results of this feasibility study and the lessons learned.

Dementia is difficult to diagnose in older people with memory problems that may be due to (frequently) multiple comorbidities. It is even more challenging in people whose first language is not English, despite the assistance of interpreters. The 10/66 dementia assessment tool is a standardised language-fair, culture-fair questionnaire that was developed for use in non-English speaking communities in order to accurately measure the prevalence of **dementia** in those communities. The 10/66 protocol has been successfully used in many **dementia prevalence studies** in both developed and developing countries including Singapore where the Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Indian versions of the assessment tool were used.

The presenters would like to seek feedback on their current plans to (i) evaluate the implementation of a cognitive impairment pathway in East Auckland where it has the highest density of Chinese population in NZ; and (ii) develop the methodology, using the 10/66 protocol for Chinese and Indian people in a future dementia prevalence study research involving all major ethnic groups in NZ.

SPEAKERS :

Dr Michal Boyd is a Gerontology Nurse Practitioner and Associate Professor with the School of Nursing and the Freemasons' Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Auckland. She also practices clinically in a residential aged care. She has been a provider, leader and researcher of healthcare innovations for older people since the early 1990s. Dr Boyd developed the "Residential Aged Care Integration Programme" at Waitemata District Health Board. She led the evaluation for Waitemata DHB Cognitive Impairment Pathway and is currently involved in researching primary health care for people with dementia and palliative care in residential aged care facilities.



Dr Gary Cheung is an Old Age Specialist Psychiatrist. He currently holds a joint appointment between Auckland District Health Board as a Community Old Age Psychiatrist and the University of Auckland as a Senior Lecturer. He is the Director of Academic Programme for the Auckland Regional Psychiatric Training Programme. His current research projects include suicide in older people, individual and group cognitive stimulation therapy for people with mild to moderate dementia and evaluation of an online capacity assessment learning module for GPs. He is also a member of the Dementia Prevention Research Clinic, Brain Research New Zealand.



Dr Sarah Cullum is a Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Auckland and an Old Age Specialist Psychiatrist at Middlemore hospital in South Auckland. She has over 20 years' experience working with families living with dementia and helped to set up primary care dementia services in Bristol, UK before immigrating to New Zealand in 2016. She also trained in epidemiology, biostatistics and health services research at the University of Cambridge where she obtained her PhD. Her research interests include testing the accuracy of diagnostic tests for dementia (not as accurate as you would think!) and the ethics of screening older people for dementia. She is currently developing projects that will help to support a multicultural study of the prevalence of dementia in New Zealand.

AUDIENCE

All members, mental health workers, clinicians, managers of services and interpreters are welcome. The presentation and subsequent discussions would be of use to those who have to work with elderly Asian persons, such as GPs, staff and managers of rest homes, and Mental Health Services for Older People.

As the presentation also involves using language relevant research protocols, interpreters would likely find the talk useful for their work.

TRANSMISSION

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Mr Chris Wong e mail address: - mrchrisw@yahoo.co.nz. at least 1 week before to allow for installation

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A free snack is provided (vegetarian options available)

VENUE, DATE & TIME

If you have registered but then are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can adjust our catering numbers.

Conference Room "Independent Living Service Auckland", 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak

Tuesday 16th May, 2017

6.00pm –8.30pm

Supper 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Presentation 6.30pm–7.45pm

Discussion 7.45pm – 8.15pm

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