

Aged Care Quality Improvement Seminar

ACFI ***Opportunity For Excellence***

Wednesday 20 February and Thursday 21 February 2008

The Celebrity Function Room
1st floor of the Grandstand
Moonee Valley Racing Club
McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds
Melbourne, Victoria

This two-day seminar convened by the Department of Human Services Aged Care Branch promotes the use of a quality approach to improve outcomes for residents and build capacity and confidence to manage changes associated with the implementation of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI).

Completing an objective and accurate comprehensive assessment of residents needs is fundamental to achieving appropriate and optimal care outcomes.

As a funding tool, the Commonwealth ACFI assessment package is not designed to comprehensively cover all aspects of assessment required to appropriately identify and determine residents care needs.

The introduction of ACFI provides a great opportunity for services and staff to focus on building and improving the skills required to undertake objective and accurate care assessments that can drive improved outcomes for residents while simultaneously supporting the requirements for ACFI claims.

This seminar aims to:

- discuss the application of contemporary, evidence based, care practice in selected areas
- build on participant's capacity to complete, interpret and respond to the results of the Psychogeriatric Assessment Scale (Cognitive Impairment Scale) and the Modified Cornell Scale for Depression
- promote positive engagement and working arrangements with general practitioners when managing system change in aged care services
- assist with setting up organisational systems to successfully manage the ACFI process
- create the drive to deliver better care outcomes to residents



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Day 1 Wednesday 20 February 2008

8.30 am	Registration
9.15 am	Welcome and Introduction Ms Maree Cameron Manager, Department of Human Services Quality Improvement Unit
9.30 am	ACFI- Tragic or Terrific? Professor Rhonda Nay Director ACEBAC, Director TIME La Trobe University / Bundoora Extended Care Centre This session will explore whether the ACFI is compatible with holistic resident care and examine the importance of an evidenced based approach to assessing residents care needs. Included within this will be a discussion about the knowledge and skills required to assess and manage residents with complex health care needs.
10.30 am	Morning Tea (provided)
11.00 am	Mood Assessment and ACFI Q10 Dr Richard Rosewarne, Managing Director, & Ms Janet Opie, Senior Consultant Applied Aged Care Solutions (AACS) This session will provide an understanding of mood assessment and practice the use of the Cornell Scale for Depression (CSD).
1.00 pm	Lunch (provided)
2.00 pm	Depression and Aged Care Residents Professor Daniel O'Conner School of Psychology, Psychiatry and Psychological Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University Head of Department, Aged Mental Health Research Unit, Kingston Centre Available evidence confirms a high prevalence of depression amongst residents living in aged care services. Significant depressive symptoms occur in 30 – 50% of cases. Despite this, identifying and managing depression continues to be an area of practice challenge for many staff. This session will explore the issues including how to interpret and respond to the results of the Cornell Scale for Depression.
3.00 pm	Break
3.15 pm	ACFI Assessments Dr Richard Rosewarne & Ms Janet Opie Applied Aged Care Solutions (AACS) What is required to complete ACFI assessment - Who will do the assessment and how, what support is required, and what systems are required?
4.30 pm	Close

Day 2 Thursday 21 February 2008

8:30 am	Registration
9.00 am	Positively Engaging and Working with General Practitioners Dr Wendy Bissinger Chair, Aged Care GP Panels Deputy Chair, General Practice Divisions Victoria Board Member, Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria Working in positive partnership with GPs is essential for driving good outcomes for residents and building a strong care team that is committed to improving service quality in aged care services. This session will explore ways in which GP and aged care service relationships can be strengthened and how to engage GPs with system changes such as ACFI.
10.00 am	Cognitive Skills Assessment and ACFI Q6 Dr Richard Rosewarne & Ms Janet Opie Applied Aged Care Solutions This session will provide an understanding of cognitive skills assessment and practice the use of the Psychogeriatric Assessment Scales-Cognitive Impairment Scale (PAS)
11.00 am	Morning tea (provided)
11.30 am	Cognitive Skills Assessment and ACFI Q6 (continued) Dr Richard Rosewarne & Ms Janet Opie
12.30 pm	Lunch (provided)
1.30 pm	Cognitive Assessment and Older People Professor Simon Crowe School of Psychological Science, La Trobe University Cognitive Impairment is a significant issue for residents in aged care services. Research suggests 90% of residents in high care services have mild, moderate or severe impairment. This session will explore the issues and identify best practice management principles to maximise function and wellbeing for residents with cognitive impairment.
2.30 pm	Break
2.45 pm	How to Establish your ACFI Documentation System Dr Richard Rosewarne & Ms Janet Opie Applied Aged Care Solutions This session will provide an understanding of the documentation required for the new funding system and how to put processes in place to achieve the data collection requirements. Discussion will also focus on understanding the staff skills and training required.
3.45 pm	Close

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