Guidance and resources

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Is demand rising?

Percentage Increase in the Projected Populations of Older People

You are here

- Males 65-79
- Males 80-89
- Males 90+
- Females 65-79
- Females 80-89
- Females 90+
Paralysis of Practice

- Regulatory Frameworks for Practice
  - Enable or Disable
- Service Design
  - Workforce skill mix
  - Deployment Resources
- Disempowered
  - Reduced confidence, autonomy, risk averse...
- Parliamentary Review
  - Quadruple Aim – emphasis on behavioural change methodologies. Empowerment of employees
  - Risk-averse culture hampers effective decision making
  - Adopt behavioural change methodologies
  - Clinicians/patients discuss value of treatments
  - Enable staff to work at top of their skill set

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RIGHT PLACE/PEOPLE/ TIME ???

Specialist critical care hospital

General Hospitals

Local Hub with specialist and enhanced services

Primary care MDT team

Mobile Services

Telemedicine

Home as the hub

Web

Mobile Health
Cost of dysphagia in older people

- Associated with age - ≥65 years
- 40-60% of institutionalised older people
- Predictor of aspiration pneumonia
- Associated with inpatient mortality
- Predictor for increased length of stay
- Personal, institutional and social cost
- People with dysphagia:
  - More likely to develop aspiration pneumonia
  - More likely to die
Over 50% of HNC diagnosed in over 65s

Service delivery issues

Parameter | Number (n=46)
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Routine evaluation pre-treatment | 50% (21/42)
Implement prophylactic swallowing exercises | 71.4% (30/42)
Active on-treatment involvement | 69% (29/42)
Use of standardised measures | 24.4% (10/31)

Resource concerns

Prophylactic vs. reactive rehabilitation approach


Similar variation in the US and Australia/ NZ

Maclean et al (2013) *DRS abstract*
Using guidance to enhance local practice

- Local cancer system
  - Inconsistent measures
  - Varying intervention
  - Few opportunities to reflect

- Process
- Outcome
- Benefits
Workshop discussion

• What is my service/what am I currently doing?
• What more could we/I do (now and in the future)?
• What support do we/I need?
• How will we/I know that what we/I do makes a change for the better / demonstrates improvement?