

Title of Intervention: "Practical Oral Care:" A Video for Residential Care Staff

Intervention Strategies: Provider Education

Purpose of the Intervention: To improve older adult oral health promotion

Population: Dental and health care nurses and staff

Setting: Australian residential aged care facilities; worksite-based

Partners: Australian Dental Association, Alzheimer Australia (SA) Dental Group, Colgate Oral Care

Intervention Description:

- Provider Education: Information on oral care was provided for care staff in residential care facilities in the form of a video "Practical Oral Care - a video for residential care staff" and an accompanying booklet. The video was professionally produced and was based on contemporary geriatric oral health strategies and evidence-based practice in geriatric dentistry. It used a realistic interviewing technique with both residential care staff and dental professionals in conjunction with practical demonstration of oral care strategies.

Theory: Not mentioned

Resources Required:

- Staff/Volunteers: Not mentioned
- Training: Not mentioned
- Technology: Media production equipment
- Space: Not mentioned
- Budget: Not mentioned
- Intervention: Practical Oral Care – a Video for Residential Care Staff, booklets
- Evaluation: Printed questionnaires

Evaluation:

- Design: Post-test only
- Methods and Measures:
 - Questionnaires to assess the usefulness and appropriateness of the video and booklet.

Outcomes:

- Short Term Impact: Questionnaire respondents reported that the video assisted them in identifying residents at risk for dental problems and meeting their oral health needs more properly. They also reported that the video improved their awareness about oral care issues.
- Long Term Impact: Not measured

Maintenance: Not mentioned

Lessons Learned: A need for more hands-on training in working with difficult residents and ongoing care staff support was identified.

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Chalmers JM, Robinson J, Nankivell N. The practical oral care video--evaluation of a dental awareness month initiative. Aust Dent J. Jun 2005;50(2):75-80.