

Name of Service **CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT, AGED & EXTENDED CARE****Address** Mail Box 10, The Sutherland Hospital, 430 The Kingsway**City** Caringbah**State** NSW**Postcode** 2229**Work Phone** (02) 9540 7898 or (02) 9540 7111 Page 862**Fax Number (Referrals)** (02) 9540 7710**Description of Service** Provision of comprehensive nursing assessment, care planning, behavioural management strategies and referral for older persons with multi-dimensional functional and psychosocial needs.

Assisting in the planning and implementation of aged care related education programs for hospital and community staff.

Patient and carer education and/or support, particularly in relation to patients newly diagnosed with a dementing illness or needing residential placement.

Liaison between hospital staff, community services, residential facilities and carers regarding the care needs of older person with complex functional and psychosocial needs.

Who to refer? Patients displaying difficult behaviours e.g. wandering, agitation and aggression that may be related to a dementing illness or a delirium.

Patients admitted with specific health problems with potential risks in their ongoing well being in the inpatient setting e.g. a patient admitted for a surgical procedure who has Parkinson's Disease, a dementing illness and who may be at risk of delirium

Patients admitted from residential facilities or receiving complex care from a community service. CNC can assist in liaising re: care management strategies whilst in hospital and planning for the patient's discharge.

Patients in the inpatient setting, where difficult behaviours displayed by family members may be complicating ongoing care management of the patient, where nursing and allied health staff may require CNC support.

Consultation of older patients who may not be under the care of the Aged Care Team, with the purpose of being able to make an appropriate referral to the Aged Care Teams if required

How to refer? Phone the CNC on 9540 7898 or 9540 7111 Page 862.**Referral criteria** Persons that require complex nursing care, to meet their multi-dimensional, functional and psychosocial needs, being:-

- Persons over the age of 65
- Persons who may be younger than the age of 65, that exhibit signs of Young Onset Dementia and associated behaviours
- Indigenous persons who either over the age of 45, or who exhibit sign of Young Onset Dementia

The CNC is happy to examine other cases as presented, to determine whether their needs can be met by this service, or whether it requires other specialist teams to be involved

Is there a waiting list? No**Waiting list details** Not applicable**Hours/days of operation** Monday to Friday 0830 to 1700hrs**Approx costs?** Nil