

Caring for older people with dementia: An exploratory study of staff knowledge and perception of training in three Australian dementia care facilities

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Key Words:

dementia care, staff training, CALD carers

Research aim:

To ascertain care staff's knowledge of dementia relating to aetiology and/or pathology, symptoms and care/treatment; and explore their perceptions of the importance and adequacy of dementia education and training opportunities.

Results/Conclusion:

Knowledge discrepancy was attributed to participants' cultural and ethnic origin and the length of residency in Australia of migrant care staff.

Implications:

There is a need to improve care staff knowledge of dementia, and dementia education and training should include direct practical competencies required for effective care delivery.

Cultural Group(s):

CALD dementia care staff, non-CALD dementia care staff

Location of study:

Multiple locations

Age group:

Carers in the business of providing care for older people with dementia

Number included in study:

35

Type of participants:

staff members across 3 dementia care facilities

Research approach:

Mixed methods

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: