Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI)

Summary
GEDI is provided by a nurse-led, physician championed team who provide frontload assessment, communication, care coordination and appropriate discharge planning. A GEDI team focus on all presentations from aged care facilities as well as older people from the community who are identified as frail via screening on presentation to the ED.
Key dates

Jun 2016
Jul 2017

Implementation sites

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

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Aim

GEDI is aimed at cost effectively maximising the quality of care for older people who present to the Emergency Department (ED).

Benefits

- Specialist assessment by geriatric ED nurse
• Reduced length of stay in ED for patients
• Fast tracking of patients through ED
• Improved ED discharge planning
• Updates on the patient’s condition and progress can be provided to you on request
• Improved communication between ED and the GP

Background

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the aged care sector to deliver high quality aged care, to improve care for older adults in the Emergency Department (ED) and improve interaction between the Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF) and both primary and secondary healthcare sectors.

Further Reading

Patient brochure Health professional brochure Nurses brochure CEDRIC

Resources

Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI) Toolkit

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