TARGET AUDIENCE

- Nursing Staff (RN, LPN and GNA / CNA)

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify clinical complexities that demand competent assessment skills
2. Describe challenges nursing homes face in assuring proper resident assessment
3. Describe how the Nursing Assessment Toolkit can be utilized with their staff

PROGRAM

The rising acuity of nursing home residents has created a need to enhance the assessment knowledge and skills of RNs in this setting and to teach LPNs and nursing assistants how to identify and report changes in residents’ status. The identification of changes in status and execution of appropriate actions to address the changes can aid residents in obtaining necessary interventions promptly which can prevent unnecessary complications and hospitalizations.

A challenge exists in that many nurses did not receive training in assessment skills during their education and may not have had experiences to utilize and sharpen assessment skills. To address this challenge, nursing homes need to provide opportunities for staff to develop and sustain effective assessment skills.

This program will provide practical guidance and tools that can be utilized in any nursing home to enhance assessment skills. Participants will leave with a Nursing Assessment Toolkit containing recorded PowerPoint presentations and resources that can be used for staff education in improving assessment skills.

AGENDA

8:30 AM Registration/Breakfast
9:00 AM — 10:30 AM
  • Clinical complexities of today’s nursing home population
  • Sub-acute status of many admissions
  • Higher prevalence of changes in status
  • Risks associated with poor assessments
  • Realities of nursing education related to assessment
10:30 AM — 10:45 AM Break
10:45 AM — 12:15 PM
  • Absence of critical thinking skills
  • Issues impacting assessment: managerial, documentation
  • Review of Nursing Assessment Toolkit & Use
  • Reinforcing good assessment practices
12:15 PM Adjourn

SPEAKER

Charlotte Eliopoulos RN, MPH, PhD

Charlotte is a specialist in holistic gerontology and long term care nursing. She has served in a variety of positions ranging from nursing assistant to director of nursing, and pioneered such roles as clinical specialist in gerontological nursing at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and state specialist in gerontological nursing for the Maryland Department of Health.

She is involved in many issues pertaining to aging on a national level. Currently she directs a project on enhancing assessment skills in long term care nurses for The Beacon Institute. After graduating from Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Charlotte achieved her baccalaureate in nursing and advanced degrees from the Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is the author of eighteen gerontology books.
### REGISTRATION FORM

**Enhancing Nursing Staff Assessment Skills**

*PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE DATE (First Come-First Served)*

- **July 11, 2017** (Allegany College — Cumberland)
- **July 18, 2017** (Handelman Conference Center)

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