

NATIONAL EVENT

Workshop

Sexualities and Dementia

OVERVIEW

Sexual expression is a part of life no matter what age we are and therefore older people living with dementia also need to be considered. In an aged care context, this can be a confronting and challenging issue for service providers and health professionals.

Responses can be reactive rather than proactive, with many staff not knowing what to do. There are beliefs that older people are asexual, and that sexual needs and behaviour is only for those who are "cognitively intact". There can also be a lack of regard for non-heterosexual people living with dementia.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Focus on building workforce capacity in understanding the concepts of intimacy, sexuality and sexual behaviours, and expression of various types of sexuality (i.e. heterosexual and LGBTI)
- Discuss the benefits and barriers to expression of sexuality
- Consider the roles and responsibilities of health care professionals, and ethical considerations.

SUITABLE FOR

Health professionals working with people living with dementia

PRESENTERS



Dr Cindy Jones

Associate Professor

Dr. Cindy Jones is an experienced health researcher with a primarily focus on social and behavioural science research relating to older people, particularly the alleviation of behavioural and psychological symptoms in people living with dementia. Her work examines the effectiveness of innovative health technology (e.g. telepresence and therapeutic/social robots) and psychosocial interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with dementia and their family carers; and to enhance care provision by health professionals in aged care.



WORKSHOP DETAILS

Date:

30 March, 2021 – Online

[Register](#)

Time:

10:30a – 2:30pm (AEDT)
9:30am – 1:30pm (AEST)
7:30am – 11:30am (AWST)
10:00am – 2:00pm (ACDT)
9:00am – 1:00pm (ACST)

Venue:

Hosted online via Zoom

Cost:

Cost-free. This event is funded by the Australian Government.

Certificate

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