



Managing Challenging Behaviours in Health and Extended Care Settings

What is the seminar about?

Health and Extended Care organisations hospitals in North America spend millions of dollars annually on the utilisation of attendant care assistance to support patients with safety concerns, at risk for self harm, infection control, and challenging needs that cannot be addressed by traditional acute care and long term care staffing. This presentation will highlight the outcomes and research of a pilot study into the enhancement of patient care in an acute care inpatient service through the use of Recreation Therapy (RT) and Therapeutic Assistant (TA) services. This session will be of interest to those health care professionals and paraprofessionals working with individuals with: dementia, mental health conditions, acquired brain injury, addictions, and at risk behaviours.

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Andrew has practiced for more than 35 years in the Therapeutic Recreation field as a practitioner, manager, and consultant. He has practiced in the areas of mental health, long term care, and physical rehabilitation. He was the founder of the professional body entitled: Therapeutic Recreation Association of Atlantic Canada (TRAAC). He is the author of 2 pieces of therapeutic recreation software. He has provided leadership to the profession in the development of an internship program (the largest in Canada), expansion of service delivery to a variety of settings and patient/client populations and managed multiple health disciplines in the major regional tertiary care facility in Atlantic Canada (Capital Health). At the peak of his career the Recreation Therapy Department he managed employed in excess of 50 FTE Recreation Therapy professionals and paraprofessionals.

When: Monday 21st March 2016
Time: 1.45pm-4.00pm
Venue: Western Sydney
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Building 30 G.213 (medical
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No Cost for event

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