

Symposium overview – Dementia 01

Care for older people with dementia and their families from the perspective of care management

Supporting people with dementia to remain living at home for as long as is feasible and desired is a cornerstone of best practice dementia care. Governments across the world are working to establish or improve health and social care systems for people living with dementia and the families and others who are informally caring for them.

This symposium draws together research from Japan, Thailand and Australia to showcase care management in the acute care hospital system, primary care and community aged care. Dr Kita highlights the challenges for nurses of a timely discharge from the Japanese acute care system and transition back to the community for people living with dementia. Dr Sakarinkhul explains the Thai experience of implementing the Comprehensive Dementia Care System, of screening, diagnosis and treatment, and continuing community care. Professor Greiner reports on the needs and contiguous factors of Japanese caregivers that influence their ability to care for the person with dementia at home. Dr Meyer reports on a risk negotiation conversation tool that enables shared decision making between people with dementia and their informal and formal caregivers.

Although systems vary at the country level, each presentation will inform a discussion of caring for people with dementia in the community across our diverse Asia-Oceania region.