POSTER ABSTRACT

Bridging the Gap in Dementia Care within an OT Primary Care Setting – The Role of Clinical Care Pathway Development

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**Background:** The need for a clinical care pathway for Dementia was identified in line with the National Standards of Safer Better healthcare and staff development goals.

**A clinical audit highlighted:** Documentation Gaps in relation to referral management, health promotion, clinical rationale and carer interventions

Discrepancies of timeframes, assessments, intervention, team liaison and resources provided

Standard Outcome Measures not suitable to this cohort.

**Methods/ Intervention:** Formulation of a Primary Care specific Dementia Care Pathway

This included evidence based, effective, equitable care, including anticipated timeframes

This pathway was developed considering the workforce and community support resources specific to Dublin South City

A specific training programme was developed for its implementation.

**Outcomes:** A peer reflection session of the Pathway was completed by authors

A clinical audit was completed and demonstrated change in practice and OT effectiveness

**Implications:** Enhanced quality of person centred care and equity of OT services

Efficiency of services has improved through increased staff knowledge, and availability of resources and training.

OTs report increased confidence in their knowledge of Dementia and OT skills.

**Learning objectives:** Highlight the OT role in Primary care with clients with dementia

Demonstrate risk rating as a baseline outcome measure

Identify the application of this pathway to OT practice and potential for integrated care

**Keywords:** dementia; home environment; supporting carers; occupational therapy; older persons