



Reshaping Clinical Care in General Practice – 26th May 2017

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Dementia

Comorbidity and polypharmacy in people with dementia: Insights from a large, population-based cross-sectional analysis of primary care data

Clague F, et al, Age and Ageing 2017; 46(1):33-39

People with dementia have a higher burden of comorbid physical disease and polypharmacy than those without dementia, even after accounting for age and sex differences.

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Turning up the volume: unheard voices of people with dementia

12th May 2017

Alzheimer's Society

This report reveals that nearly half of the UK adults surveyed had not started saving for the care and support they might need in the future, and a third agreed that before being asked, they had not considered the cost of dementia care and support.

The Confusion Care Pathway

10 May 2017

NHS Improvement

The Confusion Care Pathway has been developed by the dementia/delirium working group at London North West Healthcare NHS Trust as a guide to best practice in supporting people with dementia, delirium and/or cognitive impairment and their carers.

Music-based therapeutic interventions for people with dementia.

van der Steen JT. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2017;(5):CD003477.

Providing people with dementia with at least five sessions of a music-based therapeutic intervention probably reduces depressive symptoms but has little or no effect on agitation or aggression.

Four ways GP practices can become dementia friendly

5th May 2017

Healthwatch

In Devon, Healthwatch have been working with Exeter Dementia Action Alliance to show GP practices how small changes can make a big difference to patients' experiences of visiting the doctor.

Inequalities in receipt of mental and physical healthcare in people with dementia in the UK.

Cooper, Claudia et al, Age & Ageing; May 2017; 46(3):393-400

People with dementia, in particular women, appear to receive less primary healthcare, but take more psychotropic medication that may negatively impact their physical health.

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Patient safety in community dementia services: what can we learn from the experiences of caregivers and healthcare professionals?

Behrman, Sophie et al, Age & Ageing; May 2017; 46(3):518-521

This article helps to define the nature of safety issues in the context of community care for people with dementia.

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Variations in dementia diagnosis in England and association with general practice characteristics.

Walker, Ian F et al, Primary health care research & development; May 2017; 18(3):235-241

This study has found independent associations between dementia diagnosis rates and a number of patient and practice characteristics. Consideration of these factors locally may provide targets for case-finding interventions and so facilitate timely diagnosis.

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Integrated Care

Organising care at the NHS front line: Who is responsible?

3rd May 2017

King's Fund

This report looks at the reality of caring for acutely ill medical patients at the NHS front line and asks how care in hospitals can be improved, requiring a high degree of collaboration and co-ordination across acute and primary care teams to deliver high-quality outcomes.

Perinatal Pathway for Babies with Palliative Care Needs

3rd May 2017

Together for Short Lives

This was developed with expert input from ethicists and clinicians working across obstetrics, antenatal and neonatal care, and children's palliative care. It is designed to support multidisciplinary teams of health professionals & local services in delivering sensitive and timely support.

Mental health and new models of care: Lessons from the vanguards

19th May 2017

King's Fund

Where new models of care remove barriers between mental health and other parts of the health system, it was seen to be highly valuable in improving care for patients and service users. There remains much work to fully embed mental health into integrated care teams & primary care.

The Best Start: The Future of Children's Health Valuing school nurses and health visitors in England

Fagan, L.; et al.

Royal College of Nursing, May 2017

Cuts in public health funding have caused a drop in numbers of health visitors and full time school nurses in recent years.

Long-Term Conditions

[including Cancer, Diabetes, and general management]

Enhancing diabetes education and self-management in South Asian populations in the UK.

Mutuota, C.; Hill, M.; Claydon, A.

Nursing Standard; Apr 2017; v.31(35); p. 47-52

Considers cultural beliefs that South Asian patients with diabetes may have about their condition, discusses challenges practitioners may encounter, and offers practical advice on how to enhance the care and treatment of these patients, including the culturally sensitive guidance.

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Community health worker support versus collaborative goal-setting for disadvantaged patients with multiple chronic diseases: A randomized clinical trial

Grande D.; et al.

J. Gen. Internal Med., Apr 2017; v. 32(2)

Community health worker support delivered modest improvements in diabetes, obesity and smoking, improved mental health and quality of primary care, and may have reduced hospitalizations. Standardised CHW interventions can improve key health outcomes across multiple diseases for high-risk patients.

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Exploring Approaches to Facilitate Diabetes Therapy Intensification in Primary Care.

Krall, J.; et al.

Clinical Diabetes; Apr 2017; v. 35(2); p. 100-105

Discusses outcomes of diabetes therapy intensification which explores diabetes self-management education and support among type 2 diabetes' patients, including the role of diabetes educators to support patients and primary care providers, and costs to facilitate informed decision-making.

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Shared care involving cancer specialists and primary care providers - What do cancer survivors want?

Lawn, S.; Fallon-Ferguson, J.; Koczwara, B.

Health Expectations; May 2017

Explores Australian cancer survivors' views on shared care, what they need from it, and what barriers and enablers exist. As post-survival longevity increases, recognizing cancer as a chronic condition requires a shift in how care is provided to these patients.

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Older people

Person-centred care for older people in care homes

26th May 2017

SCIE

This resource covers the implications of delivering person-centred care for older people in residential care and nursing homes.

Smart Devices for Older Adults Managing Chronic Disease: A Scoping Review

Ben YB Kim, Joon Lee, *JMIR Mhealth Uhealth 2017 (May 23); 5(5):e69*

Limitations of current research included a lack of gerontological focus, dominance of preexperimental design, narrow research scope, inadequate support for participants, and insufficient evidence for clinical outcome.

Benzodiazepines, Z-drugs and the risk of hip fracture: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

Donnelly K. *PLoS ONE 2017;12(4):e0174730.*

There is strong evidence that both BNZ and Z-drugs are associated with an increased risk of hip fracture in the older person, and there is little difference between their respective risks. Patients newly prescribed these medicines are at the greatest risk of hip fracture.



[Evidence-based interventions involving occupational therapists are needed in re-ablement for older community-living people: A systematic review.](#)

Petterson. British Journal of Occupational Therapy 2017;80(5):273-285.

Aimed to obtain an overview of the scientific literature in this evolving research area, and investigate whether there is scientific evidence for positive effects of re-ablement services for older community-living people.

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