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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES NURSING HOMES**

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It is very important to have RN's in aged care. Lets take a small but crucial example of catheterization. We have residents with dementia, who every now and then they pull the catheter out. This means if a resident takes his catheter out at night, Rn's can assess and reinsert the catheter. Without the RN's that resident has to go to hospital. Some residents need subcutaneous fluids, PEG feeds, wound dressings. Also resident who has a fall. RN's are able to carry out neurological observations if they have a head injury and this saves them from going to hospital. I am confident by getting rid of RN's 24/7 from nursing homes, there will be very high increase in patients being admitted to emergency department. AIN's are not skilled enough. A 3 year study is always better than a 3 month study. I believe the elderly deserve a better quality of care, which is only possible with the help of RN's 24/ 7. So many residents are on insulin sliding scale. Residents are also on antipsychotics prn, S8 analgesics prn. Only RN's are able to assess properly and help them. I can't imagine the mess that will be created without the RN's.