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

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Nursing Home staff we experienced are incompetent medically. Even the RN's seem to have little knowledge.

A lot of the staff would not even have validly passed a First Aid course as they obviously have no idea about basic health issues.

Rules & regulations are ranked much more highly than patient health & wellbeing. It's shameful! Worse than jail!!

My father's warfarin levels were never checked in over 5 weeks. He consequently bled & died from an aneurysm.

Dad soon developed a bed sore due to unsatisfactory bedding & care, when previously he had no sign of one at all, even after 8 weeks in hospital.

Staff had no idea or made no effort to relieve fluid in Dad's legs. e.g. like raising his legs on pillows. They would remove the ones we placed there.

Dad had a continual urinary tract infection due to the night catheter bag constantly being put on the bare, dirty floor. The RN cared more about the catheter bag being seen in the daytime than about hygiene & comfort. Staff attached a really tight band around Dad's leg to hold it higher. This caused Dad's leg to swell even more!

Far better medical qualifications - knowledge, ability & practise is definitely needed in the nursing home we experienced. It was the most dreadful treatment for a man who deserved help to recover, not to be left to die through lack of care.