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

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Registered nurses provide a range of services in aged care settings including overseeing medication administrations, undertaking procedures like urinary catheters, nasogastric tubes, providing support and supervision to aged care employees or AIN's. Registered in the nursing home has are qualified professionals that has the ability to make initial assessments and appropriate referrals and interventions for their clients/residents. Registered nurses can also be the nurse advocate of residents in the nursing home.

Registered nurses plays a vital and important role in the aged care setting and it it a requirement to have an RN round the clock 24/7. Registered nurses help to prevent and avoid untoward and unnecessary hospital transfers and admissions to which it can put added stress on busy and chaotic emergency department as well as residents themselves who are often and pleasantly confused most of the time and unable to communicate and express their needs upon admission due to their cognitively impaired medical condition/s.

People are living longer and requiring more complex medical interventions and if there are no Registered nurses in Aged Care then it puts a greater burden and dilemma on acute settings. Older people also needs to have equal and fair treatment as same with the other individuals in the community. They have to be treated equally and to be able to have optimum quality of their lives.