

**Submission
No 84**

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

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RNs must remain in aged care (to mention just a few reasons):

1. Quality of care WILL be affected because of the level of education and on-going education bringing new comfort and preventative practices into caring for the aged.
2. For early recognition of conditions requiring treatment vs conditions naturally occurring in the aging process which improve the quality of life of the aged.
3. Early detection and follow up of acute treatable conditions which relieve the burden on the government transport, hospitals and resources
4. Identifying and giving appropriate care for managing usual problems related to the aging process recognisable only by educated RNs (eg how to bandage oedematous legs, identifying irregular stools, urinary retention, loss of consciousness vs sleeping vs Cheyne-Stoking, managing skin tears)
5. Identifying and early prevention of potential dangers eg gastro and respiratory tract infection outbreaks.
6. Managing families with professionalism
7. Ensuring accountability with regards to dangerous drugs and safe medication management including when to withhold or administer PRN medications requiring a higher level of education.
8. Knowledge of and appropriate early referral to allied health professionals as required (podiatrist, physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Speech and language therapists etc)
9. Identifying early signs of eminent deterioration of residents in order to engage and prepare family for a dignified end stage and death including palliation and control and careful administration of palliative medications.
10. Set a professional example for the care team to follow by holding accountability for safe and dignified care