

Research Directions

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CHRONIC AND COMPLEX

Dr Jane Cioffi, of the School of Nursing, Family and Community Health, is leading a research team looking into community health nursing services for people suffering from chronic and complex health problems.

With the steady growth in the need for community based health care, a major challenge to health professionals is providing sufficient services to the increasing number of people living with chronic and complex health conditions.

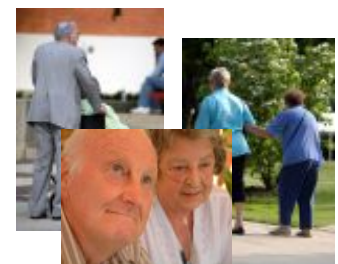
The study will provide a profile of nursing care currently being received by people and client focus groups exploring their care experiences will also identify ways services can be improved. A quality review of the identified nursing practices will also take place.

'Community health nurses in Western Sydney Area Health Service need to identify what form of nursing care is being received by this ever-expanding group of clients with chronic and complex conditions'. Dr Cioffi explained. 'We need to identify how improvements can be made to their care and there is little information currently available.'

Also in the research team are Professor Lesley Wilkes (NFCH), Ms Kath Harrison and Ms Bronwyn Warne, of Sydney West Area Health Service.

Project title: *Chronic and complex clients in a community health service. Characteristics and nursing service provision.*

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