



The Knowledge and Implementation Hub

Aged Care Research & Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) is delivering a range of programs and activities to help increase the capability of the aged care workforce to deliver high-quality care to older Australians. One of these programs is the Knowledge and Implementation Hub. The Hub is an accessible and easy-to-use resource for the aged care workforce. It brings together current and quality-assessed aged care evidence, tools and practice guides of relevance and usefulness to the aged care sector. These resources will build awareness around research and evidence.

What can you find in the Hub?

The basic architecture of the Hub is as follows:

- [Knowledge and Implementation Hub landing page](#)
- [Aged care topic pages](#)
- [A searchable database of Australian aged care resources](#)
- [Research and Project Supports to assist in moving evidence into practice.](#)

Our Aged Care Priority Topics

The key resources in the Hub are the aged care topics. Each year we create specific evidence resources around priority aged care topics identified by a survey and through consultation with the sector. These topics inform the focus of the grant rounds and support the training and partnering activities associated with the ITP and ACCP.

Alongside a general topic highlighting Urgent and Critical needs, the priority aged care topic address:

- [Dementia Care](#)
- [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Palliative Care and End of Life](#)
- [Rehabilitation, Reablement and Restorative Care](#)
- [Meaningful Lifestyle Activities](#)
- [Social Isolation](#)
- [Staff Burnout.](#)

Each topic has three sets of resources for innovators and website visitors.

A **scoping review** of published systematic reviews relating to the specific topic provides an overview of the evidence landscape. The findings of each scoping review are structured into evidence themes which show where research efforts have been directed and what the research has found. PDF versions of the review's key findings and each evidence theme are provided so that this knowledge can be easily shared across the sector.

A desktop **environmental scan** locates Australian resources on each topic that can be used by aged care services and staff. Each of the relevant and appraised resources identified in the scan is included in the **resources section**. You can filter resources by topic, by role in aged care, or by type of resource (e.g., learning module, tool, or scale).

We also connect you with current **Australian research and projects** on the aged care priority topics, as well as to emerging research via our **systematic review collection** (updated monthly).

Research and Project Supports

While the aged care topics provide a wealth of information, we realise that more is needed to bring about change. We are supporting aged care staff and services and researchers by providing additional content that looks at where to find information, contextual issues, and evidence about how change occurs. This section has just been started and will be rapidly expanded across 2023. You can already find additional search resources including one-click **PubMed searches**, links to **organisations and agencies** that are key players in the aged care sector, and some supports for **older people and families**. We will also be bringing together evidence and resources on some of the **contextual issues** that influence aged care such as diversity and approaches to change management.

Making knowledge available

We are keen to ensure that knowledge reaches people so that they connect with evidence and increase their awareness of its potential to improve outcomes. In 2023, we will be creating evidence in different forms to expand the reach and utility of the evidence. We will also build short learning modules or videos—our 'evidence snacks'—designed to be fast and nourishing by dealing with a single idea in an easily digestible form. (Others call this microlearning.)

Our **Knowledge Blogs** continue to provide an opportunity for our experts to write about their research and the aged care workforce to share their experiences in using evidence. Meanwhile, the KIH team is working to create mobile knowledge that can disseminate through social media. This means we can share evidence for practice in formats that resonate with the intended users in ways that lead to immediate understanding and action.

Building our understanding

We are also using the Hub as a way of capturing data. Beyond web metrics, we will analyse the searches that bring users to the site and the pathways of use within the site. Data capture points within the Hub will enable users to provide immediate feedback and help us understand their needs.

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