**Domain 2 – Practice**

**Oral Presentation Abstract Submission Title:** HIRAID® Aged Care:An Innovative Nurse-Led Holistic Framework to Optimise the Quality and Safety of Nursing in Residential Aged Care

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**The Problem**

Registered nurses are the direct care staff responsible for the initial assessment and ongoing clinical management of residents in aged care with acute and chronic complex health needs, which are contingent on accurate assessment, interpretation of clinical data, intervention and escalation. RNs working in aged care report a lack of continuing education and guidance in clinical care, leading to reduced confidence in their capabilities and decision-making. There is a notable lack of a universal, systematised assessment and decision-making framework for how RNs identify, respond to and manage residents with changing clinical conditions.

**What did you do?**

A multi-disciplinary team consisting of aged care nurses, nursing academics, and other aged care and research experts co-designed a holistic nursing framework aimed to enhance the quality and safety of person-centred care in aged care homes. The team adapted the HIRAID® emergency nursing framework (History including Infection Risk, Red flags, Assessment, Intervention, Diagnostics, reassessment and communication) using an e-Delphi process.

**Results**

The HIRAID® Aged Care framework supports nurses’ clinical judgement and decision-making by providing a clear structure with prompts to ensure resident assessment, management, and communication are comprehensive and consistent. HIRAID® Aged Care is hypothesised to reduce unexpected resident deterioration events and reduce avoidable transfers of residents to the emergency department. The framework is currently being piloted in 23 aged care homes across Sydney.

**Lessons**

This presentation will share insights from the HIRAID® Aged Care project to date, discussing the importance of collaboration when developing innovations in nursing care.