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The development of national nursing process quality care metrics for intellectual disability services in Ireland

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Nursing process quality care metrics and indicators are quantifiable measures of nursing care that describe nurses care activities. Intellectual disability nursing is often on the fringes as it only a separate entity in Ireland and in UK. This study aimed to identify intellectual disability nursing quality care process metrics and associated indicators. A two-stage design consisting of a systematic literature review and 4 rounds of a Delphi survey and a consensus meeting was undertaken. From the databases, grey literature and hand searching publications from both academic and practice evidence were gathered. This resulted in 20 existing and 16 new intellectual disability metrics been identified for the Delphi process. 401 intellectual disability nurses were recruited with the overall response rate of over 50% achieved for all rounds. The 4 Delphi survey rounds resulted in 12 metrics and 84 associated indicators achieving over a 70% consensus. An additional consensus meeting was held with key stakeholders and all 12 metrics and 79 indicators reached the agreed 70% threshold for inclusion in the final suite of metrics developed for implemented into and evaluation in practice.

Biography

Owen Doody is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Limerick, Ireland. He is Course Director of post graduate education in his department and completed his PhD in 2012 on clinical nurse specialism in intellectual disability in Ireland. He has widely published in the area of nursing and intellectual disability has a focus on supporting practice evidence and publications. He is currently working with research teams on developing a national transfer letter for older people into acute care and a leadership for managers in intellectual disability services.

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