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New Zealand** for better health
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interRAI competent Registered Nurses working in aged residential care (as of June 2017), about 70% of all nurses working in aged residential care.

New National Standards launched



interRAI New Zealand National Standards

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interRAI Services have recently launched new National Standards for interRAI assessors using the interRAI Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) assessment in New Zealand. Each section within interRAI has note fields, and the standards help assessors use these note fields appropriately.

“We have been paying close attention to feedback received from the sector. This is another step towards making using interRAI sustainable in the long term, while maintaining

the most important aspects of the assessment”, said Catherine Cooney, Chair of the interRAI New Zealand Governance Board.

Assessors will find that the new standards are clearer and more straightforward compared to the previous version, and they reduce duplication.

Download the new National Standards [from the interRAI website](#).



Introducing the new Palliative Care assessment

The interRAI Palliative Care instrument is on its way to Home Care assessors throughout New Zealand. It offers an alternative for Home Care assessors to be used with clients living in the community and with a terminal condition or prognosis. The assessment focuses on items like, for example, managing pain and fatigue, and preparing for the need for increased support. Palliative Care assessments are shorter than Home Care assessments.

Some CAPs and outcome scores are different, so it is a good idea to become familiar with the new assessment if you are going to be reading those, for example, as interRAI assessor in aged residential care.

- [See the interRAI website for more information about training and how to read the new assessments](#)



2017 Software upgrade

interRAI users, make sure you have seen our note on the upcoming software upgrade, planned for late September and early October.

- Have a look at all the information [on the interRAI website](#).

Bidirectional interoperability

interRAI in New Zealand has two interoperability offerings with other software systems. The independent review of the introduction of interRAI into aged residential care recommended that interRAI Services investigate the feasibility of bi-directional interoperability between interRAI and other systems. That investigation has taken place and here is the response from the interRAI NZ Governance Board.

We found that many of the points raised could be addressed in other ways. The new National Standards launched at the NZACA Conference and the 'Integrating interRAI into your facility' workshops aim to reduce duplication and streamline how interRAI fits with your local processes.

- [Read the Board statement on the interRAI website](#)

Vacancy: interRAI Educators - Hamilton, Tauranga/Rotorua and Auckland

As an interRAI Educator you will work with and support our main stakeholders; DHBs, their Needs Assessment services, Home and Community Support Services and Aged Residential Care providers, to use the interRAI assessment and understand the data the assessment automatically generates. You will be working within a supportive team to provide interRAI assessment training and support for new assessors to reach competency, support those assessors that are already competent, and for 'end users', and other associated stakeholders. Applications close on Tuesday, 3 October 2017.

[More about this position](#)

Email address change

The interRAI Services team has new email addresses. The new format follows firstname.lastname@tas.health.nz, and our general inbox has changed to interRAI@tas.health.nz

Emails to the old addresses will still be forwarded to our new inboxes for the time being.

New on interRAI.co.nz

- [New National Standards](#)
 - [All about the 2017 software upgrade](#)
 - [Palliative Care assessment: factsheets on training and reading the assessments](#)
 - [Bidirectional interoperability Board statement](#)
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interRAI out and about

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at our stand, and our presentation, at the New Zealand Aged Care Association Conference in Rotorua.



From left: Terry Huntley, interRAI Software Services Manager, Shelley Mawhinney, interRAI Systems Clinician, Michele McCreddie, General Manager, interRAI Services



From left: Michele McCreddie, Max Robins, interRAI Governance Board member and Nicky Wagner, Associate Minister of Health

In August, interRAI Services had a stand at the Selwyn's Foundation's conference in Auckland:



Upcoming dates

- Workshop: Embedding interRAI at your facility, for aged residential care facility managers and senior nurses, **Tuesday 26 September 2017, Nelson**. Email john@nzaca.org.nz if you would like to take part.

To see upcoming training dates and to request interRAI training, visit our website at www.interrai.co.nz/register-for-training



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