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More than half (54%) of people assessed using the interRAI Palliative Care assessment were at peace with life.

(source: [2017/18 interRAI New Zealand Annual Report](#))



Upcoming software upgrade

Our planned upgrade to our interRAI software will fix some software bugs, make minor corrections, and introduce a new tool that will let you change your password, yourself.

We routinely upgrade interRAI software. The next upgrade happening in May will introduce some improvements that incorporate your feedback, and make the interRAI software easier to use.



interRAI e-learning being developed

The interRAI Services education team is developing an e-learning programme for health professionals wanting to use and understand information captured in interRAI assessments.

The e-learning programme is designed for health professionals who access interRAI assessments completed by others to inform their service delivery.

The e-learning programme is expected to help a wider group of health practitioners understand interRAI assessments and will be released later in the year.



NZ shares interRAI experience with visiting Singapore delegation

A delegation of health officials from Singapore will visit New Zealand during 18-20 March 2019 to learn about New Zealand's experiences using the interRAI assessment system and investigate the benefits.

Singaporean authorities are considering introducing interRAI as an assessment tool in their health sector. They will meet interRAI Services, the Ministry of Health and visit two providers.



Kia kōrero: advance care plans

Encouraging people to create an advance care plan for their future health and end-of-life care is included in interRAI assessments.

A new campaign from the [Health Quality and Safety Commission](#) encourages people to plan for their future health care.

[Kia kōrero | Let's talk](#) features personal stories of six New Zealanders at different stages of life and wellness. It is resource you can use in discussions about matters at end of life.

Delivering on the power of Big Data



How we use the power of Big Data to improve caring for older people will be a key topic for interRAI Services General Manager Michele McCreddie at a planning and resourcing conference in Auckland.

Michele will present at the [Health & Care Services for NZ's Ageing Population conference, 29-30 April 2019](#), at the Novotel Ellerslie, on Day 1 from 4.30 pm.

The volume of data collected provides TAS with a very comprehensive picture of the health of elderly and frail people. Michele will discuss the power of interRAI data sets for New Zealand, and what the health sector can do using predictive analytics to deliver sophisticated care for older people in future.

Reports and research

- Gray LC, Beattie E, Boscart VM, Henderson A, Hornby-Turner YC, Hubbard RE, Wood S, Peel NM. Development and Testing of the interRAI Acute Care: A Standardized Assessment Administered by Nurses for Patients Admitted to Acute Care. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30618486

New on interRAI.co.nz

- [How to access exams on Relias](#)
- [Recording medications](#)
- [2017/18 Annual Report](#)
- [First data from the Palliative Care assessment](#)
- [Infographic: People living in aged residential care](#)
- [interRAI NZ Governance Board meeting minutes 28 November, 17 October and 8 August 2018](#)
- [Software User Group minutes October 2018 and updated members list](#)

Upcoming dates

- **12 March 2019 in Wellington:** *Integrating interRAI in your facility workshop*
- **13 March in Wellington:** *Integrating interRAI in your facility workshop*
- **27 May 2019 in Christchurch:** *Integrating interRAI in your facility workshop*
- **28 May 2019 in Christchurch:** *Integrating interRAI in your facility workshop*

To join our Integrating interRAI workshops contact John McDougall (NZACA) at john@nzaca.org.nz

- **29-30 April 2019 in Auckland: Health and Care Services for NZ's Ageing Population:** *Michele McCreddie, General Manager interRAI Services will present on the power of Big Data.*
- **18-22 November 2019 in Hamilton: Digital Health Week NZ and HiNZ 2019:** *Make sure you visit the TAS stand.*

Interested in being an interRAI educator?

interRAI Services, a business group of TAS, Is looking for two interRAI educators to join the education service team. We are after someone with a passion to educate, deliver and share clinical knowledge, working in a team that ensures interRAI assessors attain and maintain competency. If this could be you, have a look at the role on <https://tas.health.nz/careers/>



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