

Welcome to the regular news updates for the health care sector about interRAI in New Zealand. This newsletter aims to provide an opportunity to share information in one language, across many platforms, for the development of services that lead to improved health outcomes.

Vacancy interRAI NZ Governance Board

The Ministry of Health is seeking suitable expressions of interest for the position of Health Professional Member of the interRAI NZ Governance Board.

The role of the Health Professional representative Member is to demonstrate leadership in a way that combines their personal attributes with their sector experience to focus and progress the activities of the Board. A key component of the role is to establish and maintain excellent working relationships with sector colleagues to provide context for Board discussions and to support effective communications between the Board and the sector.

The interRAI NZ Governance Board has the authority to give direction and provide strategic governance from a clinical, operational and consumer perspective.

The purpose of the interRAI NZ Governance Board is to provide leadership and oversight for the use of interRAI assessment tools in New Zealand to:

- ensure continuous improvement of health outcomes for New Zealanders as they age
- ensure the use of interRAI instruments contributes to the effectiveness and efficiency of the health system
- guide and lead the dissemination of interRAI information across the health system.

Appointment to the Health Professional Member position requires approval by the Director General of Health on advice of the Ministry of Health.

Term of Appointment The appointment is for an initial period of two to three years, with eligibility for re-appointment.

Time Commitment The interRAI NZ Governance Board meets two monthly. Meetings typically run for up to six hours. Members are required to prepare for these meetings.

Closing date for applications is **3 March 2017**.

Further detail is available here : <http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/appointments-health-statutory-bodies/vacancies-health-statutory-bodies/vacancy-interrai-nz-governance-board-wellington>

The Global Acute Care Excellence Forum

20-21 FEBRUARY 2017
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Ensuring safe passage for frail and vulnerable patients across the hospital continuum

Launch of new interRAI acute suite of tools

The Global Acute Care Excellence Forum 2017 will be held 20-21 February 2017 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC), Australia.

This forum will bring together international experts who are at the forefront of hospital system redesign, to best respond to these challenges.

The overall theme of ACE 2017 is ensuring safe passage for frail and vulnerable patients across the hospital continuum.

The forum will include the international launch of the suite of new interRAI acute care tools.

This new effective and efficient system is designed to improve care for frail and vulnerable patients in hospital.

The Centre for Research in Geriatric Medicine (University of Queensland) led by Professor Len Gray, and with the support of interRAI and the Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners, will host the international conference to launch the new tools.

The Forum will host keynote speakers, who are experts across several disciplines and include systems demonstrations, and consider training and implementation challenges.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Software set up for new assessors

If you are a new interRAI assessor, or require changes as a Momentum user, this needs to be set up before you can begin using the software.

This set-up is managed by interRAI Services at the request of the individual's line manager. If you are a line manager, you will need to complete a user set up form and email it to:

interrai@dhbsharredservices.health.nz

The form has been recently changed by the software host so please don't use any existing forms you may have.

Ask for a new form by emailing the above address.

AIS is then arranged by interRAI Services once a person is booked for training.

Any alterations to existing users are completed by

AISsupport@dhbsharredservices.health.nz



Registering for interRAI training

ARC facility and DHB managers can now quickly and easily register their staff members for initial training in the use of interRAI.

Simply go to the [Book Training section of the interRAI NZ website](#), where you can indicate the type of training required, select from all available training sessions being held at times and locations across the country, and say how many staff you would like to have trained.

interRAI Services will receive your registration of interest and get in touch to arrange a training place. Please note that registering your interest does not guarantee a place on your first choice of training sessions. Training places are allocated according to level of priority.

You can read about this [here on the interRAI NZ website](#).

Reforming the interRAI Software User Group

The first meeting of the reformed interRAI Software User Group will take place **on 23 February 2017**. If you have any comments or ideas about interRAI software you would like to put forward to the User Group please do so via your representative. Members of the User Group are:

Nominated by	Who	
Care Association New Zealand (CANZ)	Jackie Long	Village Manager of Aparangi Village Te Kauwhata
Home and Community Health Association (HCHA)	Michelle McDonald	Lead Service Coordinator with Enliven Auckland
HCHA	Penny Hanning	HHL
New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA)	Janice Reuyan	CHT
NZACA	Jean D'Ath	Oceania
NZACA	Vickey Johnston	Bupa
Midland Region DHBs	Margaret Thomason	Team Leader, NASC Lakes DHB
Central Region DHBs	Deborah Sullivan	Care Manager at HBDHB NASC
Northern Region DHBs	Theresa Araullo	Waitemata DHB NASC
Southern Region DHBs	Andrea Davidson	Canterbury DHB
TAS, interRAI Services	Richard Allen	interRAI Manager Applications
TAS, interRAI Services	Lyn Schofield	interRAI Systems Clinician

New Zealand Health Survey: Annual Update of Key Reports

The Ministry of Health has published the full [Annual Update of Key Results 2015/16: New Zealand Health Survey](#).

The survey provides a snapshot of key health issues facing New Zealanders.

The knowledge gained from this survey has helped determine the direction set out in the New Zealand Health Strategy. It will continue to inform the Ministry on how to respond to the challenges we face, and help identify where investment, effort and education will make the most difference – allowing more New Zealanders to live well, stay well and get well.

The latest update is based on data gathered from face-to-face interviews with more than 13,000 adults and 4,000 children from July 2015 to June 2016.

The Ministry thanked everyone who gave their time to take part. The information provided is critical in developing and monitoring health policy and services in New Zealand.

**National interRAI Data Analysis
Annual Report 2015-16**
The interRAI Data Analysis Annual Report 2015-16 has been delayed and will now be published in March



Host to Host transfers – information for DHBs

DHBs please note the **host to host** transfer function for an interRAI record can be made available to NASC staff to support more timely host to host transfers as follows:

- 1) Selected staff at DHB NASCs can be set up to compete host to host transfers in addition to their current rights to transfer records
- 2) If you provide names and contact details of staff, orientation to this function will be completed by the interRAI Software Service Manager (Andrew Downes). If the staff member is already familiar with doing 'local' transfers, then the process is very similar.
- 3) All relevant documents will be updated e.g. access and transfer and security policies etc.
- 4) We will look to introduce regular access audits for those completing this function to ensure we are meeting best practice standards.

Please send names and contact details of staff you would like to do host to host transfers to Andrew Downes, interRAI Software Service Manager Andrew.downes@healthshare.co.nz

News from the interRAI New Zealand Governance Board

The interRAI New Zealand Governance Board met on Thursday 9 February and had a busy agenda for their first meeting in 2017, including:

- Revised Terms of Reference now the Board has been established for over a year, the new Terms of Reference will be published on the website
- A business case for the roll out of the interRAI Palliative Care Assessment Tool as an alternative assessment tool for interRAI Home Care assessors.
- A presentation introducing the new suite of interRAI Reports for Aged Residential Care facilities due for first release at the end of February
- The draft National interRAI Data Analysis Annual Report 2015-16 due for publication March
- An update on the programme of work to introduce interRAI Quality Indicators in New Zealand
- and an update from interRAI International

interRAI Palliative Care Assessment Tool

We are commencing a programme of work to rollout the interRAI Palliative Care Assessment Tool. The new tool will be available as an additional resource for interRAI Home Care assessors. Training will be provided via webinar from mid 2017.

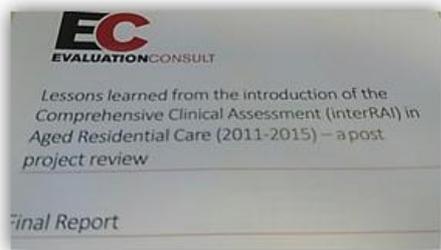
Over time use of the interRAI Palliative Care Tool will be incorporated into the interRAI Home Care Assessment training programme.

Client Side Certificates Coming to Southern Host

Facilities that connect to interRAI via the Canterbury host (Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties and all South Island DHB's) will have received a notice about Client Side Certificates. The Canterbury host service will be deploying these as part of their ongoing security improvements.

The notice describes the process for distribution of the certificates and advises you to discuss with their own IT support.

If you have any queries please contact the Canterbury service desk at interrai.servicedesk@cdhb.health.nz or call 0800 10 80 44



Lessons learned from the introduction of Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (interRAI) in Aged Residential Care (2011-2015) – a post project review.

The independent review is now complete and the review report is finalised. We are now working with the Ministry of Health to brief key stakeholders including the incoming Associate Minister of Health. Once these briefings have taken place, the report will be released in full and be published on the interRAI NZ website.

A national standard suite of interRAI reports for home care and community support providers

The National interRAI Data Analysis and Reporting team, in collaboration with the Home and Community Health Association (HCHA), is starting a project to develop a national standard suite of interRAI reports for home care and community support providers.

The national standard suite of interRAI reports will provide summarised interRAI information to each home care and community support provider to assist them in their planning, quality improvement and service delivery.

In March 2017, we will bring together a representative group of home care and community health service providers to discuss their interRAI reporting requirements.

If you are a home care provider and are keen to be a part of this group, please contact us directly on interRAI_Data@CentralTAS.co.nz

Action needed to maintain interRAI assessor competency (AIS Evaluations)

interRAI assessors whose annual evaluations are due in March may miss out on the standard 21 day email reminder to say their evaluations are due. This is due to an error with the automated email service. We are fixing the error but to make sure no one misses their evaluations. **Please encourage all assessors to log into their AIS account and review their current evaluation due date.**

AIS Certificates

The 'my certificate' tab in an assessors AIS account is not displaying the certificate. We are aware of this error and are working to remedy the issue. If anyone requires urgent confirmation of current competency status please email: AISsupport@dhbss.health.nz

Keeping you informed

If you have any comments or would like to contribute to this newsletter, or you would like to unsubscribe, please email: interrai@dhbsharingservices.health.nz