

"Functional and Psychosocial Approach to Continence Dysfunction" Special Interest Group

Mission Statement:

A special interest group for professionals dedicated to promoting a rehabilitative approach to toileting and continence problems

Aim:

To encourage health care professionals (HCP) working with clients who may have continence problems to facilitate positive outcomes through principles of rehabilitation focussing on functional and psychosocial implications of continence dysfunction.

Objectives:

To provide a forum for sharing experience, skills and knowledge.
 To enable shared problem solving and learning.
 To establish an evidence base around rehabilitative approach to continence dysfunction.
 To encourage evidence based practice by making information and literature available.
 To create learning opportunities via resources and study days.
 To promote audit and investigation into each HCP role in continence care.
 To facilitate members continuing professional development in this area.

Expected Outcomes:

Greater communication between HCP within the multidisciplinary team around continence and toileting issues. Wider skills sharing leading to a more holistic and encompassing approach to the problems encountered. Improved profile of continence problems encouraging all HCP's to accept responsibility for appropriate management. A higher level of understanding among HCP's of the functional and psychosocial implications of continence dysfunction.

Function of the SIG:

Members at the official launch of the group on 16th October 2001 agreed that the group should maintain an informal approach . It was decided that the group would seek the recognition of the relevant professional bodies. The ACA and COT have both formally recognised the SIG.

The group will meet bi-annually and the meetings will be of a networking and educational nature. The database of group members will be used by PromoCon to circulate information relevant to the functional and psychosocial approach to continence care and details of training courses.

Application to be added to the PromoCon held database for the :

"Functional and Psychosocial approaches to Continence Care Special Interest Group"

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Discipline:

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