

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING

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TIMELINE OF GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING IN THE USA

1902 –The first article on Care of the Aged in the American Journal of Nursing written by a physician

1904-The first article on Care of the Aged in the American Journal of Nursing written by a nurse

1950-The first Gerontological Nursing text book was published and Geriatrics is recognised as an area of specialisation in Nursing

1961- ANA recommends a specialty group for geriatric nurses

1966- formation of Geriatric Nursing Division of the ANA

1969- Development of Standards for Geriatric Nursing Practice

1976- ANA changed name from Geriatric Nursing to Gerontological Nurses Division

1984- Formation of the National Gerontological Nursing Association

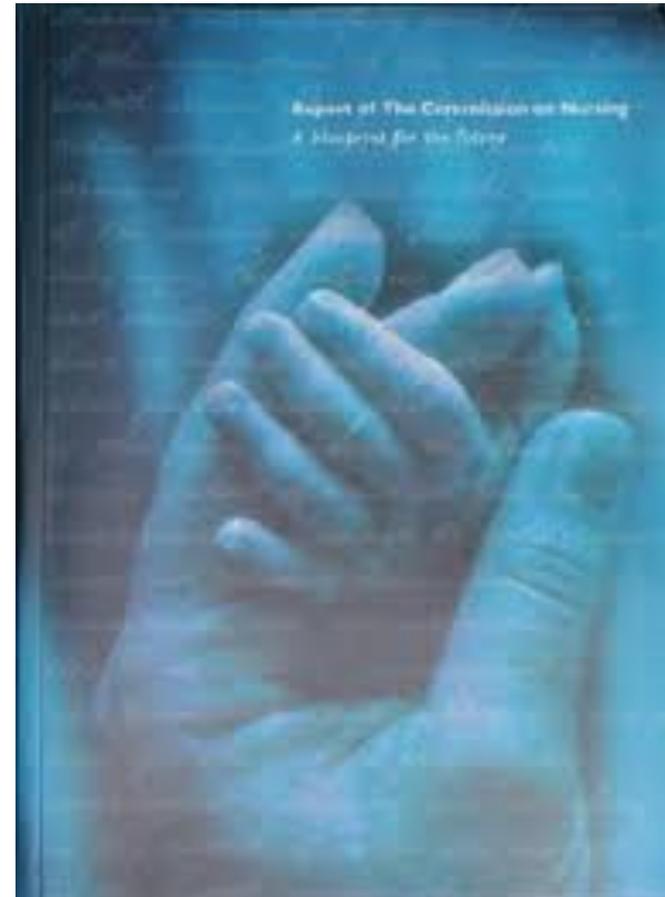
THE JOURNEY IN IRELAND

- Nursing older people until recently was not seen as a specialty and the care standards for older people were “borrowed” from general nursing
- Ireland has begun to recognise there is a specialised skill set required to care for older adults
- While there is reference to specialist nursing in Ireland from the 1980s; it was in 1998 in the Report of the Commission on Nursing: *A Blueprint for the Future*, there was a recommendation for the development of career pathways for nurse specialist and advanced nurse practitioners in care of the older person

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NURSING: *A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE*

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Point 9.1 “Care of the elderly is not a nursing discipline but crosses most disciplines in nursing and is becoming an increasingly important component of the nursing service”



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Point 9.5 “...The advancement of post-registration education to this level (Masters) is important in relation to the development of clinical career pathways of clinical nurse specialist and advance nurse practitioners in care of the elderly”

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

- On 8th October 2008 the All Ireland Gerontological Association (AIGNA) was founded with the view of unifying gerontological nurses on the island of Ireland
- From the home page of their website: “AIGNA is focused on the advancement of gerontological nursing as a positive and dynamic career choice and we advocate for increased educational opportunities for nurses who work with older people across all sectors.”
- The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland does not have a Division for Gerontological Nursing



NURSING JOURNEY IN ST MARY'S

Care of Older Adult facility since 1963

Rehabilitation for patients transferred from Mater hospital post acute illness

Day Hospital established

Proactive Directors of Nursing

Phoenix Nursing Development Unit first in Ireland

Embraced Commission of Nursing 1998

Opportunities to nurses to progress education to degree and Masters level

Later supported many nurses in specialist courses in older persons nursing



CARE OF THE OLDER ADULT SUPPORT TEAM:

- Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Older Person Care (Community)
- CNSp Gerontology
- CNSp Dementia Care (Community)
- CNSp Tissue Viability
- Infection Prevention and Control Lead Nurse
- ADoN Practice Development
- Haemovigilance Nurse
- Digital Project Manager
- Clinical Liaison Nurse
- Nurse-Led Ear Clinic
- Nurse Tutor
- Full Multidisciplinary Team



THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING IN IRELAND

- NMBI increasing Clinical Placement for the Care of Older Person from four to six weeks in the recognition of the specialist skill in nursing older adults
- The National Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Tool
- Integrate Care for Older People
- Sláintecare
- Do we need a division in NMBI for Gerontological Nursing?



THANK YOU



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