Health navigators facilitate comprehensive wellbeing assessment and care planning for Indigenous elders using self-report tool

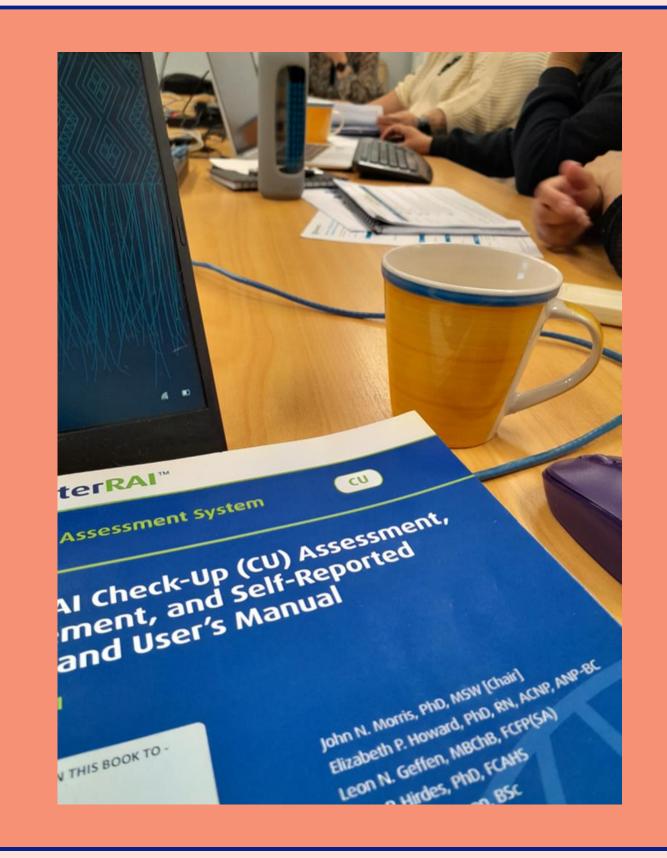


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MANDATED ASSESSMENTS Access to public aged care services

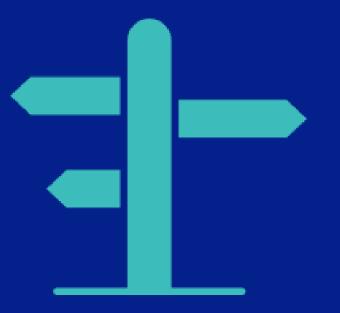
Trained assessor

Variable availability regionally & nationally

CHECK-UP SELF-REPORT (CUSR)

Own perspectives of health and wellbeing

PAEĀRAHI
Whānau Ora navigator
Care coordination, navigation and advocacy



Paeārahi facilitated CUSR completion and care coordination with 50 older Māori

Modifications to CUSR tool

Te reo and values

Paeārahi training

Engaged steering group



Co-developed intervention

Intervention - facilitated completion

At home or over phone Paeārahi embedded in primary care practice Support for care planning

Generally acceptable and feasible

Scales and CAP scores suggest unmet need - 28% referred to GP

Median age = 65.3years 66% female 28% lived alone; 58% with spouse or child 33 minutes to complete No withdrawals

18% COPD6% dementia6% CHF24% diabetes

*People with previous interRAI/awaiting assessment excluded from study

Scales and CAPS

30% 3+ on self-rated mood scale

38% 2+ on pain scale (daily pain)

46% cardioresp CAP triggered

68% mood CAP triggered

10% falls risk CAP triggered

I think it's really important for people to understand the value added role of paeārahi. And I think once the understanding is out there, then there'll be this willingness to embrace

Perceived to improve health care access Embedding in clinical practice important Training requirements similar to other assessors

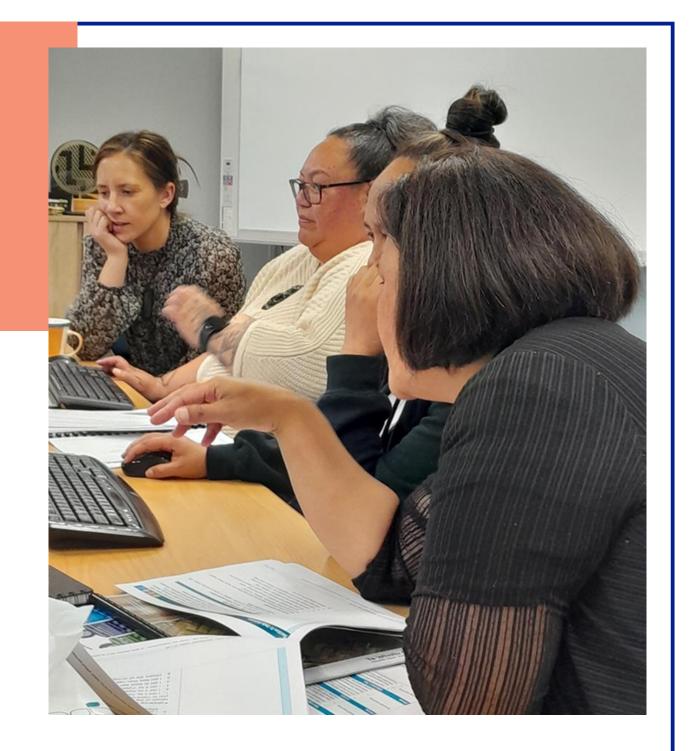
It's like a Pākehā assessment so when you are completing that assessment, you look through a [Western] lens and think about what's available in the Pākehā system. So you close your world off.



Recommendations

Further exploration of CUSR

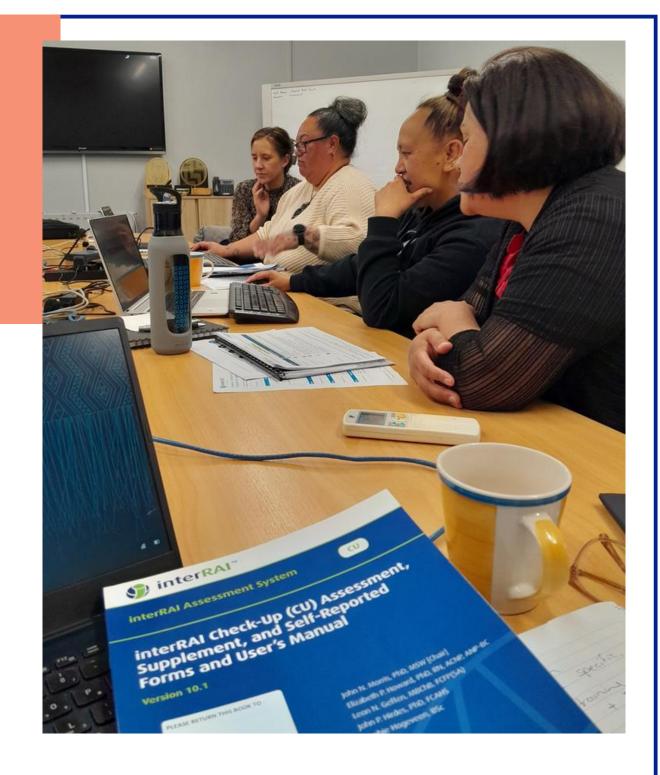
- clinical oversight
- other populations, particularly for rural/long NASC wait time
- monitor quality of care and outcomes
- self-completion as gateway to primary care access/NASC



Recommendations

Paeārahi assessment process and tikanga valued

- inherent in practices
- ?need for reo/values in CUSR
- CUSR alone would not have been accepted



Recommendations

Expanded workforce utilisation

- embedded in supportive clinical team
- socialisation of paeārahi role
- appropriate training in aged care services and interRAL
- ?flexibility in administration ('word-for-word)
- May be benefit in short 'screener' with subsequent full assessment

