Reframing the Care for Patients with Dementia in Acute Care Medical Units:
“Ensuring Safety for All: To Live, To Care and To Be Understood”.

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Goals:

• Safe care for both patients with Dementia and staff in acute care medical units.
  – Decrease care giver burden and strain
  – Decrease risk of staff and patient injury

• Reframe understanding of dementia
  – Reduce the challenges and the intensity of responsive behaviours
  – Improve the quality of the interactions for both patient and staff caring for the patient.
Workshop components:

- Pre and Post test
- Types of dementias and implications on nursing care
- 7As of dementia from P.I.E.C.E.S. program
- Person-centered responsive behaviors and their reality perception
- Review approaches and safety gaps using role play.
- Case study: Behavior mapping and care planning documentation
- Cheat sheet / pocket cards
Outcome Evaluation:

1. Education over 1 year
   Total staff trained = 237
   (about 50% of Medicine Program staff in 140 Medicine program beds)
   - Medical nurses and nonlicensed nursing staff
   - Housekeeping staff
   - Rehab staff
   - Management, educators/students

OUTCOMES MEASURES:
- Reduction in code whites for managing patients
- Reduction in use of restraint
- Reduction in staff injury
- Transition management improved (from acute care unit to LTC)
- Early care planning → better proactive and responsive care
- Improved understanding and knowledge and skills → increased comfort level of staff

2. DeARS (Dementia/Alzheimer’s Resource Support) Group
   - A monthly informal “Family Focused” resource group for in patient families