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As a former Clinical Manager with aged care facilities and an educator of PCA's and future nurses. Aged Care is a speciality area of nursing requiring a very high standard of clinical assessment skills, Anatomy and Physiology and advocates to voice family and resident's concerns with unscrupulous companies entering into aged care as a business.

The stories of neglect and staff abuse would horrify the government and should never again not have 'professionally trained Registered Nurses' in facilities. Not only in Management roles but on the floor and with clinical rotations being increased across all years of training and facilities on Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Allied Health to further develop and refine assessment skills.

As I come to the end of my nursing and now care for my ill husband and family members, it terrifies me when I take them to ED and they ask for recommendations to have people enter local facilities. Exocriation, poor medication management verging on neglect and death as PCA's do not understand the consequences of many anticoagulant and antihypertensive medications and residents die as a result.

I have supported the local regions as an Aged Care Sector representative and people just don't want to know the issues.

Kind regards,

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