



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

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Presentation

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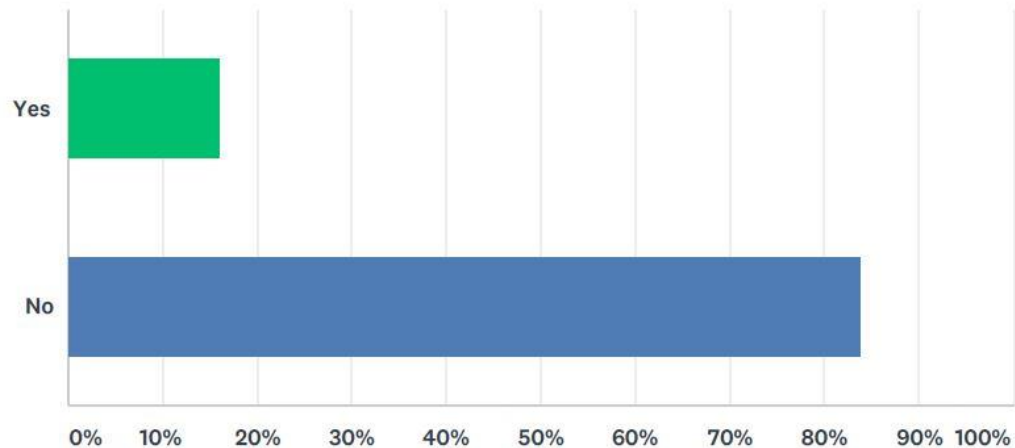
Survey to Nevada Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

- Survey sent to 2070 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses via email in database
- 1970 received the email
- 1234 opened the email
- 422 completed the survey (20% of Nevada APRNs)

Nurse Practitioners in Rural or Frontier Nevada

Q1 Do you practice in rural or frontier Nevada?

Answered: 422 Skipped: 0

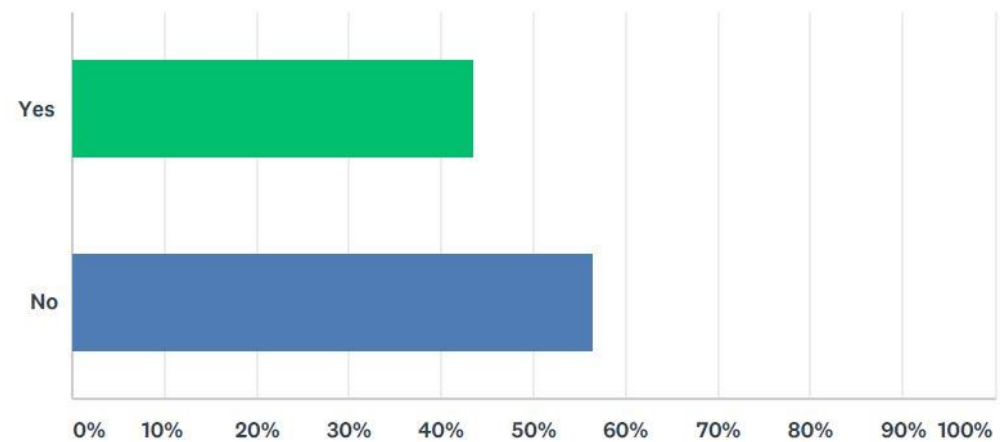


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 16.11% | 68 |
| No | 83.89% | 354 |
| TOTAL | | 422 |

Nurse Practitioners Caring for Alzheimer’s Patients in Nevada

Q2 Do you care for Alzheimer’s patients in Nevada?

Answered: 414 Skipped: 8

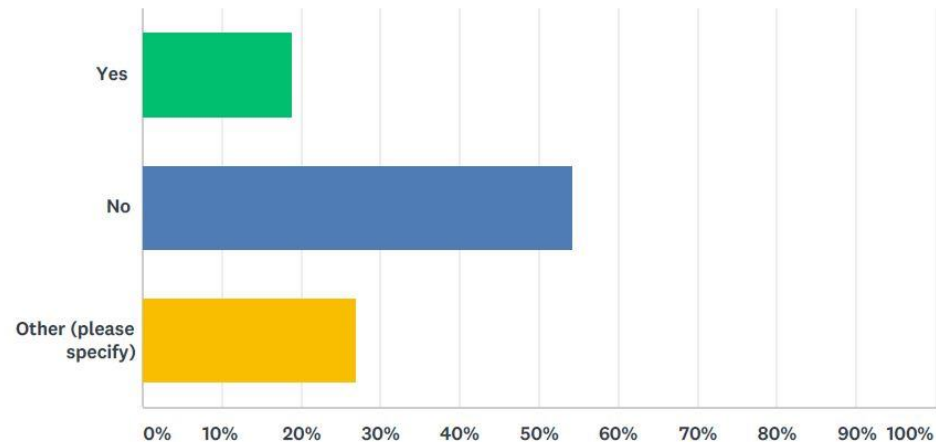


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 43.48% | 180 |
| No | 56.52% | 234 |
| TOTAL | | 414 |

Nevada Continuing Education Courses for Nurse Practitioners – Dementia Care

Q3 Are more courses in dementia care being offered in trainings in Nevada?

Answered: 411 Skipped: 11

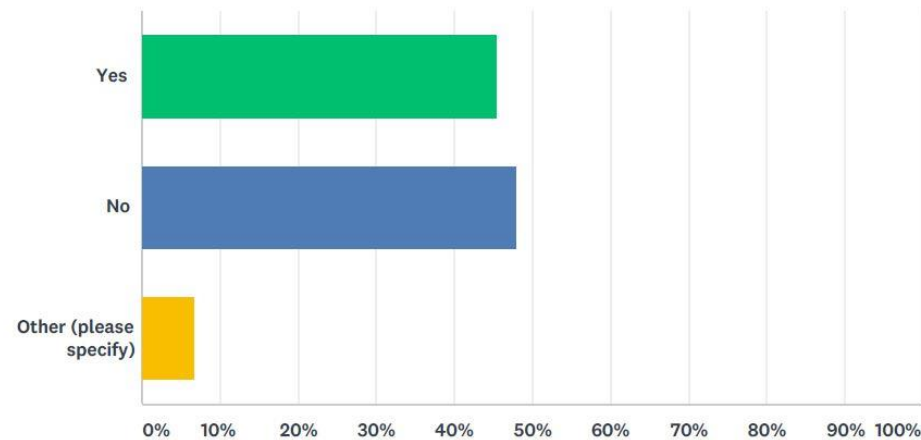


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 18.73% | 77 |
| No | 54.26% | 223 |
| Other (please specify) | 27.01% | 111 |
| TOTAL | | 411 |

Nevada Nurse Practitioners Choose Continuing Education in Dementia Care

Q4 When offered, have you chosen continuing education in Alzheimer's and Dementia care?

Answered: 414 Skipped: 8



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 45.41% | 188 |
| No | 47.83% | 198 |
| Other (please specify) | 6.76% | 28 |
| TOTAL | | 414 |

Additional Thoughts from Nurse Practitioners Relevant to Alzheimer's & other forms of Dementia

- Progression of dementia to Alzheimer's needs more information
- Further education is needed for the management of behavioral disturbances in dementia
- Management of mood disorders and insomnia, behavior changes, agitation and irritability with Alzheimer's and how to diagnose and treatment.
- Caring for burnout caregivers and providers dealing with Alzheimer's patients.
- Early assessment and identification of patients essential to early treatment and care. More training needed for nurses and home caregivers.
- Developing care at home practices
- Differentiating between them more clearly
- Medication management, treatment of behaviors, and family education and support.
- Resources for family members to help them develop appropriate coping and responses and to understand that becoming outwardly angry and scolding the afflicted is hurtful and unproductive.
- Caregiver support resources; medication compliance issues
- Expanded gerontology education for APRNs
- Screening and need to use screening tools other than Mini-Mental such as Louis University. Mental Status (SLUMS) Examination and The Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)
- Activities, safety, nutrition especially vit B, D, proteins, etc.
- Teaching families to interact with Alzheimer's/dementia patient - manage challenging behaviors and keeping family member safe.

Questions?

- Thank you
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