Inclusive methods for assessing social care related quality of life for people living with dementia in receipt of a Home Care Package

In Australia, major policy reform has occurred within the aged care sectors over the past two to three years and continues to be in a process of transition. Promoting choice and control for older Australians is one objective of these reforms – with a ‘consumer directed care’ model introduced as part of the Home Care Packages Program in 2015.

As older people manage the transition from care recipients to consumers it is important that we understand whether new models of care are supporting equitable outcomes, particularly for vulnerable segments of the population such as those living with dementia.

In this seminar, Dr Lyn Phillipson (NHMRC-ARC Dementia Fellow) will present an overview of a feasibility study which is assessing the suitability and feasibility of a protocol to assess outcomes which is inclusive of people with cognitive impairment. Innovative multi-methods approaches including Easy Read Surveys and Talking Mats will be discussed.