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The transfer of knowledge into practice is an important topic in the healthcare system, and especially in nursing. Initiatives have therefore been underway for a long time now to incorporate available research knowledge into practice so that it is in a suitable form for use by nursing establishments.

However, widespread practical implementation is difficult and the transfer of knowledge often fails because of the amount of information concerned. Together with practitioners from hospitals and inpatient and outpatient nursing facilities, health authorities and professional associations have therefore drawn up clinical guidelines to facilitate the translation of research to the "bedside". This guidance was developed for use in practice and so provides stimuli and suggestions directly applicable to everyday working situations. As part of this process, NICHE is pursuing an interesting approach in the translation to evidence-based geriatric nursing. The goal of "Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders" (NICHE), an organisation of over 450 actively-linked member websites representing health systems across North America, is to support the creation of structures to promote treatment and nursing care specifically tailored to the needs of older people. NICHE helps its members to structure and successfully implement future system-level changes to address the specific needs of older people and embed evidence-based geriatric knowledge within nursing practice.

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