

Understanding Geripsych Skilled Nursing Facilities in North Dakota

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Introduction

- ▶ Overview of Geropsychiatric Facilities 50-24.4-29 (Geripsych)
- ▶ Services
- ▶ Challenges

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Overview of Geropsychiatric Facilities

Definition and Characteristics of Geripsychs

Current Status of Geropsychiatric Facilities in North Dakota

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Importance of Geripsychs in Addressing Mental Health Needs of Older Adults

- ▶ Growing Need
- ▶ Scarcity of Specialized Services
- ▶ Require:
 - special assistance,
 - specific equipment such as mobility devices and adjustable beds,
 - a safe environment,
 - careful planning, and
 - trained and competent staff.

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Regulatory Framework and Licensing

- ▶ State Regulations Governing Geripsychs
- ▶ Licensing Requirements and Compliance Standards
- ▶ Oversight Mechanisms Ensuring Quality of Care

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Services Offered in Geripsychs



- ▶ Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment
- ▶ Comprehensive Care Planning
- ▶ Behavioral Management and Therapy
- ▶ Integration of Medical and Psychiatric Care

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Success Stories

Meet John



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Success Stories

Meet Jane



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Challenges and Issues

- ▶ Staffing Shortages and Training Needs
- ▶ Financial Sustainability and Reimbursement Issues
- ▶ Access to Acute Specialized Services and Resources

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Conclusion



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Questions?



Thank you!



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