

Dignity for nursing home patients: the influence of health care setting on dignity.

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Other condition
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON38030

Source

ToetsingOnline

Brief title

Dignity for nursing home patients

Condition

- Other condition
- Dementia and amnestic conditions
- Age related factors

Synonym

Alzheimer's disease, dementia; CVA, stroke

Health condition

CVA

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: NWO

Intervention

Keyword: dignity, end-of-life, nursing home patients

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

Factors that preserve or hamper the feeling of dignity of nursing home patients.

Secondary outcome

Test-retest reliability, content validity and construct validity.

Study description

Background summary

Most people in the Netherlands do not look forward to live in a nursing home, because of the (supposedly) undignified conditions people live in. Loss of dignity has consistently been found as one of the most frequently mentioned reasons for requesting euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide and experiencing a loss of will to live. However, there is lack of insight in what constitutes dignity. Chochinov et al. developed an empirical model of dignity in terminally ill cancer patients. It is necessary to further test and refine the model for other populations, e.g. nursing home patients. An important topic to focus on, is the influence of care and care setting on dignity.

Study objective

To further develop the dignity model in the nursing home setting by assessing which factors are especially relevant to dignity in this setting. The specific objective of this substudy is to develop a valid and reliable measurement instrument to measure factors that influence the personal dignity of nursing

home patients.

Study design

A cross-sectional study in which 100 nursing home patients admitted to somatic wards of nursing homes will receive a questionnaire, which asks whether a certain aspect (e.g. level of dependency, mental health, privacy, being treated with respect, autonomy) is present, and, if yes, to what extent this influences their personal dignity. Furthermore, per nursing home patient a relative, an elderly care physician and a nurse will receive the questionnaire.

Study burden and risks

There are no risks associated with participation. However, the patient may become emotional, because patients are confronted with their illness and personal dignity. The main burden for the physicians, nurses and relatives will be an investment of time. Future nursing home patients, their relatives and caregivers may benefit from this study.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

Being a resident on a somatic ward of a nursing home.

Being able to understand his/her participation and able to give informed consent.

Exclusion criteria

Residents who stay temporarily in a nursing home for rehabilitation.

Residents with severe dementia.

Residents unable to communicate in the Dutch language.

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Health services research

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 07-05-2010

Enrollment: 100

Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date:	17-02-2010
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC
Approved WMO	
Date:	02-05-2012
Application type:	Amendment
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL30250.029.09