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#### **Studies**

#### What matters most: Exploring the everyday lives of people with dementia

Research on what matters most to people with dementia is crucial for developing tailored interventions and support. This study explored how people with dementia experience their everyday lives, providing insight into what is important to them to live the best they can at home.

# Gaining access to unspoken narratives of people living with dementia on a hospital ward—A new methodology

This is a methodological paper that aims to advance the conceptualisation of participatory research by focusing on the value of capturing and understanding movement as a vital means of communication for older people with dementia in a general hospital ward. Qualitative research involving people with dementia tends to be word-based and reliant upon verbal fluency. This article considers a method for capturing and understanding movement as a vital means of communication.

## <u>Does the Etiology, Phenomenology and Motor Subtype of Delirium Differ When It Occurs in Patients With An Underlying Dementia?</u>: A Multi-Site, International Study

Objectives: To compare the etiology, phenomenology and motor subtype of delirium in patients with and without an underlying dementia.

# The facilitators and barriers to improving functional activity and wellbeing in people with dementia: a qualitative study from the process evaluation of Promoting Activity, Independence and Stability in Early Dementia (PrAISED)

The PRomoting Activity, Independence and Stability in Early Dementia (PrAISED) study delivered an exercise and functional activity programme to participants living with dementia. A Randomised Controlled Trial showed no measurable benefits in activities of daily living, physical activity or quality of life.

## <u>Preferences for deprescribing antihypertensive medications amongst clinicians, carers and people living with dementia: a discrete choice experiment</u>

Optimal management of hypertension in people with dementia may involve deprescribing antihypertensives. Understanding differing treatment priorities is important to enable patient-centred care. This study explored preferences for antihypertensive deprescribing amongst people living with dementia, carers and clinicians.

#### Network analysis of neuropsychiatric symptoms in Alzheimer's disease

Neuropsychiatric symptoms due to Alzheimer's disease (AD) and mild cognitive impairment (MCI) can decrease quality of life for patients and increase caregiver burden. Better characterization of neuropsychiatric symptoms and methods of analysis are needed to identify effective treatment targets. The current investigation leveraged the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center (NACC) Uniform Data Set (UDS) to examine the network structure of neuropsychiatric symptoms among symptomatic older adults with cognitive impairment.

#### Dementia and the history of disease in older adults in community

Many studies have revealed the effect of medical history on dementia. The aim of this study was to explore the relationship between the history of disease and onset of dementia.















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## **Policy Changes**

Major conditions strategy: case for change and our strategic framework

Ahead of the government's forthcoming major conditions strategy, this report sets out our approach to tackling the groups of conditions that drive ill health in England.

#### **Webinars**

Improving the experience of diagnosis webinars

From October 2022 to June 2023 we ran a series of six webinars that focused on improving the experience of diagnosis for younger people with suspected dementia and their families.

### **Blogs**

Martin Robertson: Early dementia diagnosis means I'll make the most of the rest of my life

The advantage of an early dementia diagnosis is that you know the worst and can prepare for and relish the future accordingly.

#### **News**

4 out of 5 unpaid dementia carers take on the bulk of caring responsibilities

Our latest survey puts the spotlight on unpaid carers, with 80% taking on the majority of caring responsibilities for loved ones living with dementia.

'I refuse to get old': how readers strive to keep dementia at bay

Researchers say lifestyle changes could prevent up to 40% of dementia cases. Our readers share their efforts to mitigate the risk.

Scientists hope weight-loss drugs could treat addiction and dementia

They have taken the celebrity world by storm as a slimming jab and become a vital tool for managing type 2 diabetes. Now drugs such as Ozempic are being researched to look at whether they could help conditions ranging from alcohol misuse to dementia.









