

# Reducing challenging behaviours in people with dementia through a nurse-led intervention

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LT-Demenz 44-083

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Effectiveness of the German version of the Serial Trial Intervention for the reduction of challenging behaviours in people with Dementia

## Acronym

STI-D

## Study objectives

Application of the Serial Trial Intervention for Dementia (STI-D) reduces challenging behaviours in nursing home patients with dementia to a significantly greater extent than standard care.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the Ethikkommission der Charite - Universitätsmedizin Berlin on the 12th June 2008 (ref: EA1/094/08)

## Study design

Multicentre cluster-randomised single-blinded placebo-controlled study

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Other

## Study type(s)

Quality of life

## Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Dementia

## Interventions

German version of the Serial Trial Intervention (STI-D). The Serial Trial Intervention constitutes a structured framework for the process of assessment and intervention when challenging behaviours occur. It is carried out by skilled nurses in the nursing home setting. A detailed manual exists.

Nurses from nursing homes assigned to the intervention group are trained to implement the STI-D in their daily clinical care. This is included in a seminar on challenging behaviours in persons with dementia and appropriate care approaches in general.

Nurses from nursing homes assigned to the control group receive a seminar about challenging behaviours in persons with dementia and appropriate care approaches in general that does not include a STI-D training.

Both seminars include two days of classroom session for the registered nurses as well as clinical visits from instructors. Duration of treatment as well as follow-up will both last for six months after nurses have completed training. This applies for both study arms.

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Not Specified

## **Primary outcome measure**

Challenging behaviours, measured using the Neuropsychiatric Inventory Nursing Home Version (NPI-NH).

Time points:

Before staff trainings are initiated, four weeks after training is completed, six months after training is completed.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Quality of life, measured using the Qualidem questionnaire
2. Pain, measured either using a Verbal Descriptor Scale oder BISAD (Beobachtungsinstrument für das Schmerzassessment bei alten Menschen mit Demenz), a tool for behavioural pain measurement, depending on the cognitive capacity of the patient
3. Analgesics and psychotropics prescribed, taken from patient records and converted to Defined Daily Doses

Time points:

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## **Overall study start date**

01/09/2008

## **Completion date**

30/09/2009

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Nursing home resident
2. Dementia
3. Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) less than 24
4. Aged 65 years and older, male and female

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Senior

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

n = 465

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Psychotic disorders
2. Residency in nursing home less than four weeks

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

30/09/2009

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

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<https://ror.org/001w7jn25>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

German Federal Ministry of Health (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit [BMG]) (Germany) (ref: LT Demenz 44-083)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	01/09/2008	11/06/2019	Yes	No