Consequences from use of reminiscence: a randomised intervention study in ten Danish nursing homes

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Scientific

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Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

An interventional non-blinded randomised study in ten Danish nursing homes of the benefits of reminiscence

Acronym

Reminiscence

Study objectives

That the integration of reminiscence into daily nursing care would benefit nursing home residents and staff.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

The Danish guidelines regarding notification of studies to ethics committees specify that only trials involving the use of medicinal products, medical devices or collection of biological material should be sent for notification. As our study is based on questionnaires and interview examinations, and reminiscence is not considered a medical treatment, approval from an ethical committee was not required.

Study design

Interventional randomised non-blinded two-armed study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Nursing care

Interventions

Treatment arm 1:

Implementation of reminiscence: individual and group reminiscence sessions held with residents, supplemented by reminiscence boxes, posters and exhibitions. Duration: 1 year (August 2006 - August 2007). Nursing staff attended a training course to learn three forms of reminiscence: general reminiscence (group sessions run by 1 - 2 nurses for typically 2 - 8 residents with similar backgrounds or interests), specific reminiscence (sessions for 1 - 2 residents structured around a theme and tailored to the individual residents communication needs) and spontaneous reminiscence (informal use of comments during regular daily activities).

Treatment arm 2:

Usual nursing care. Duration: 1 year (August 2006 - August 2007).

Total duration of follow-up for all arms: 1 year.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Nurses' attitudes towards professional role and contact with residents. Baseline measurements were undertaken in March, May and August 2006; follow-up measurements were undertaken in March and August 2007.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Residents' quality of life (proxy assessment). Baseline measurements were undertaken in March, May and August 2006; follow-up measurements were undertaken in March and August 2007.

Completion date

30/09/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Nursing homes in the Mid-Jutland Region with at least 35 residents (either sex, no age limit) who were willing to participate in study
- 2. Signed informed consent from residents/relatives

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Other

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Nursing homes that already used reminiscence on a systematic basis.

Date of first enrolment

01/08/2005

Date of final enrolment

30/09/2007

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Denmark

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Social Services Board of the Ministry for Social Affairs (Denmark)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Social Services Board of the Ministry for Social Affairs (Denmark) (ref: j. nr. 367-14)

Results and Publications

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?
Results article	results	06/06/2010	Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025 11/11/2025	No	Yes