

# Review of: "Challenge in Old People Care in Nursing Homes during COVID-19 Pandemia: Role of Nurses"

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Thank you for taking time to write this article. I think you have raised a number of important issues - not least the challenge for care home staff who strive to provide a homely environment not a clinical environment for residents.

It would be helpful if you could define a care home. Are they the same as nursing homes? It is not clear. In the UK they are considered different services.

Old people is not usually a term we work with. Older people is what I, personally, prefer.

You make the point about Social Distancing as a hygiene measure but only have a short paragraph on your other main point - PPE.

I think you need a separate section on PPE. What kind was required, how did (could) care homes access it? You also need references for the impact PPE has on the care of people. You talk about the issues but you need references.

In the UK we had people moving to care homes to clear hospitals. Did this happen in Spain?

Can you clarify who you consider to be "responsible" for care home? The care home manager? The owner? The inspection body? They all have a role and each is different.

It may be your local policy but I'm not clear about who makes decisions when people are unwell and when. Can you describe your process in Spain? It is likely to be different from that in other places.

In your conclusion you distinguish between the nurses in the care home and the "academic" nursing staff. I'm not clear if you want to see both employed in the care homes or what strategy you would consider most effective.

Once again, this is a good article. Keep going.

