

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

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The article entitled "Challenge in Old People Care in Nursing Homes during COVID-19 Pandemic: Role of Nurses" reflects on the nurses' profession with older people in the pandemic. It is an essay on the topic, or a report of a practice, without any theoretical foundation, or empirical evidences and with some questions that need to be taken into account.

In the abstract:

In the article authors present several concepts: aging population (all the people who are aging....) and the group of older people (old person) and also elderly. Is importante use the same terminology to refer to older person. (the more correct definition is older person - An older person is defined by the United Nations as **a person who is over 60 years of age**)

The authors assumes that this group is vulnerable but does not explain why or to what? It talks about health problems in general but does not specify how these are related to the vulnerability of this group. In the abstract it also refers to patients "care of patients" - not knowing if these are older persons or not. Identify the aims of the article assume reveal the role of the professionals. But which professionals are referred to, are they nurses? This should be made explicit. The title mentions nurses, so it assumes that must be the case, but it must be clear. Maybe it talks about residents in long term care... and the intervention of nurses in these facilities? Or is it in a hospital and therefore refers to patients? Are the older people with dementia not the group you are referring to? All these issues need to be clarified in the abstract (redo this part)

In the introduction and next points:

Make it clearer that the article refers to nursing practice with older persons in nursing homes/residential homes. This evidence has to be in the abstract as well. There is the same issue here: whether you use nursing homes as care facilities, or Nursing facilities, or elderly care facilities Please use only one terminology throughout the article - it is either one terminology or the other do not use all four. This just confuses the reader.

In the following points:

Perhaps create a heading that highlights the responsibilities of nurses with older persons in nursing homes, namely:

- In the implementation of safety measures in the institution;
- Dealing whit isolation rules and ban on visits by relatives

- Deling whit residential older persons with dementia

Another thing is : What can those responsible for the institutions do? This is how the responsibilities of nurses relate to the responsibilities of nursing homes?

And for conclusion, focus on caring for older persons whit symptoms of COVID-19, but it would be necessary to reflect in a more substantive way. How to promote stafety and they rigths?

In general, it does not unequivocally express the challenges of nurses in nursing homes with older people in the pandemic times.