

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

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Thank you for sending the article to review. I feel the article falls short of examining the challenges that nursing homes faced during the pandemic and makes very little reference to care practices that should have been optimal at the time, such as hand hygiene, isolation, access to fresh air, testing and vaccinations. The role of nurses is not fully given but much content is focused on 'those responsible for the institutions' which is unclear who this is referring to.

The article would improve if clinical care was more considered and the following was given more clarity and corrections made:

- COVID-19 Pandemia: should be Pandemic
- paying special attention to patients with dementia. – why pay particular attention to this group compared to non-dementia residents, needs to be made more explicit
- What are contact restrictions and partial isolation?
- 'establish procedures and hygiene guidelines that require a high degree of special competence'. What are these, can the author explain
- Implementation of hygiene measures - the protective equipment-Protective equipment is mentioned a lot but no description is given to what this is.
- As a converter between the inner and outer world, this represents the greatest virus transmission risk. What does this mean?
- Dealing with quarantine, isolation rules and ban on visits – how did the nurses deal with quarantine, isolation rules and ban on visits?
- Social distancing is particularly stressful for people with dementia – why is it particularly stressful for them compared to those without dementia? How can nurses reduce their stress?
- The complexity of the situation is great: on the one hand, the safest possible – what does this mean?
- 'the residents lack the time to sit out the situation and hope for better times'. This sentence sounds very unconstructive surely some residents enjoy living here!
- What can those responsible for the institutions do? Is this the government, care home managers or the nurses?
- nursing home residents must not be allowed to get under the wheels. Change this Colloquialism
- A reduction in organizational units makes sense. A reduction of what?
- A check of the immunity of the employees would facilitate the target group-specific use. When it is checked what will

happen?

- Similar considerations and special regulations should apply to dementia areas. Why just dementia areas, surely regulations should apply to all areas!
- providing a death room - provocative this sentence needs considering
- corona pandemic – changing descriptions keep to COVID-19
- academically trained nursing experts – does the system not already have these experts, is the author saying the system needs more of them?
- Thank you