

Peer Review

Review of: "Redesign Considerations for a Person-Centered Nursing Home System"

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to review this article. The topic is highly relevant, and I therefore welcome considerations regarding the redesign of nursing homes.

I would like to offer some suggestions regarding the article. Nursing home systems are highly dependent on their local context, as legal and political conditions and decisions are made not globally but regionally. Unfortunately, I find the regional context to be missing. It is unclear whether the authors are referring to the Australian system (Australia is mentioned once as an example) or whether the recommendations are meant to be general. In Figure 1, for instance, a paragraph is cited, but it is not clear from which legal text it originates. I believe that a regional and contextual classification would further enhance the value of the considerations.

In Figure 1, the illustration on the left is unfortunately too small. I am unable to discern what is depicted there.

Given the brevity of the text, there are some repetitions. For example, the redesign principles (purpose, goals, values) are explained twice, interrupted by paragraphs on different topics. In my opinion, the structure could have been more consistent in some parts, with better thematic transitions to guide the reader more effectively.

A key limitation of the article is its strong theoretical and conceptual approach. While it effectively discusses systems and complexity thinking, it lacks empirical evidence to substantiate its claims. The article could be strengthened by incorporating case studies or best-practice examples to illustrate how the proposed redesign principles have been successfully implemented in real-world settings. Without empirical data, it remains unclear whether these strategies have been tested and validated in practice.

Additionally, the article does not provide concrete implementation steps for the proposed redesign. While the principles are well outlined, practical guidance on how policymakers, nursing home administrators,

and caregivers can apply these concepts is missing. Including actionable recommendations would enhance the article's relevance for practitioners in the field.

Nevertheless, the commentary addresses a relevant topic and presents well-reasoned arguments. It encourages reflection, highlights significant dysfunctions, and underscores the necessity of rethinking the nursing home system to ensure a livable environment for residents. Therefore, it is a valuable contribution to the discourse on nursing home reform and serves as a strong foundation for further discussions and research on the topic.

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