

provides person-centered care, to whom and how its receipt affects satisfaction levels and service utilization. About one-third of individuals' report that their preferences were only rarely or sometimes taken account. Results vary greatly by race, highlighting great disparities in person-centered care. One in four Hispanics and one in six Blacks report never having their preferences taken into account compared to roughly one in ten Whites. When people report that their preferences are ignored, they are more likely to forgo medical care and report lower satisfaction with the system. Strategies exist to strengthen and assure advancements in person-centered care, something particularly needed for people of color and low-income populations.

VIRTUAL INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION IN STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIND AT HOME DEMENTIA CARE PROGRAM

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MIND at Home, a well-researched holistic, family-centered dementia care coordination program, provides collaborative support to community-dwelling persons living with dementia (PLWD) and their informal care partners (CP). Through comprehensive home-based assessment of 13 memory-care domains covering PLWD and CPs, individualized care plans are created, implemented, monitored, and revised over the course of the illness. Non-clinical Memory Care Coordinators (MCCs) working with an interdisciplinary team provide education and coaching to PLWD and their identified CP, and serve as a critical liaison and resource and between families, medical professional, and formal and informal community resources. This paper will describe a statewide pilot implementation of the program within a health plan across diverse sites in Texas and will present qualitative and quantitative descriptions of a key component of the program's effective translation to practice, the virtual collaborative case-based learning sessions. Health plan teams completed online interactive training modules and an intensive in-person case-based training with the Johns Hopkins team prior to program launch, and then engaged in weekly, hour-long virtual collaborative sessions that included health plan teams (site-based field teams, health plan clinical supervisory and specialty personnel [RNs, pharmacists, a geriatric psychiatrist, behavioral health specialists] and Johns Hopkins MIND program experts and geriatric psychiatrists. To date, the program has enrolled 350 health plan members, conducted 65 virtual collaborative sessions, and provided 423 CME/CEU units to team members. We will provide an overview of virtual collaborative session structure, participant contributions and discussion topics, case complexity, as well as didactic learning topics covered.

Session 4455 (Symposium)

STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN METHODS CAN ENHANCE CARE DELIVERY FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WITH DEMENTIA

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The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need to optimize care for one of the most affected sectors: older adults in nursing homes and more specifically highly vulnerable populations such as residents with dementia. Research developed in collaboration with stakeholders can optimize impact, relevance, and trustworthiness of study findings thereby informing advances in care. Yet, evidence on stakeholder driven research for enhancing dementia care is limited. This symposium will provide examples of stakeholder-driven research questions that were addressed with stakeholder engagement. First, we will present current evidence about the perspectives of caregivers, including those from communities of color. The second presentation will discuss the perspective of clinical training stakeholders responsible for supporting system-wide clinical program implementation and their experiences with early and later adopter nursing homes within the context of a clinical trial. The third presentation will address the perspective of policy makers and payers via the effect of state-mandated dementia training on resident outcomes. The fourth and final present the findings from a study that examined how nursing home stakeholders responded to a payor requirements for pharmacy services and the relationship between that response and patient outcomes. We will conclude the session with a discussion of stakeholder-engagement methods and recommendations for future nursing home research, which champions stakeholder collaboration.

EXPLORING INFORMAL CAREGIVERS' PRIORITIES OF NURSING HOME DEMENTIA CARE FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

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Informal caregivers are critical stakeholders in nursing home (NH) care for individuals with dementia. Given racial and ethnic disparities in United States NHs, there is a need to understand informal caregivers' perspectives, particularly among those that identify as members of a community of color. We conducted a scoping review of informal caregiver priorities of nursing home dementia care. Included studies exclusively examined priorities of informal caregivers identifying as Black, Indigenous, or people of color. The final sample (n=12) included two United States studies representing African American and Korean informal caregivers. The remaining studies were conducted in other countries. Informal caregivers expressed a desire for professional support during the nursing home transition, increased staff knowledge of dementia, and improved resident engagement.

These findings highlight the paucity of informal caregivers identifying as Black, Indigenous, or people of color represented in US nursing home dementia research. Future efforts must include communities of color.

IMPLEMENTATION IN NURSING HOMES: DESCRIBING EARLY AND LATE ADOPTERS OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED DEMENTIA CARE PROGRAM

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Despite national efforts to improve nursing home (NH) quality, care remains variable. Health system efforts to drive improvement often begin with a sub-group of NHs before scaling up across the organization. Yet, there is limited evidence on who to target for the first group. This study addressed this gap by examining facility characteristics of early and late adopters within a multi-site pragmatic clinical trial. Data were obtained from the Organizational Readiness to Change Assessment (ORCA), which was completed by expert trainers, and Nursing Home Compare. Early and late adoption was operationalized according to Roger's Diffusion of Innovations. Sixty-percent of NHs (n=12) were late adopters and 40% (n=8) were early adopters. Between group differences ($p < .01$) were found in number of health inspection citations and context domain within the ORCA. These findings equip health systems with evidence on how to strategically target partners for initial quality improvement efforts prior to system-wide implementation.

THE IMPACT OF STATE DEMENTIA TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING HOMES ON RESIDENT OUTCOMES

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Stakeholders, including policymakers, have prioritized the need to educate nursing home (NH) staff about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Despite this prioritization and the relationship between staff training and outcomes, dementia-specific knowledge is variable. This study examined state-level training policies between 2011-2016. During this time 12 states (regulators and payers) implemented NH dementia training requirements, creating an opportunity for a natural experiment between states with and without new requirements. We estimated difference-in-differences models to determine the effect of state requirements on outcomes. Data from Nursing Home Compare and LTCFocus.org were linked to data on state policies. Training requirements were associated with 0.39 and 0.17 percentage point reductions in antipsychotics use and restraint use, respectively, and no impact on falls or need for help with daily activities. State requirements for dementia training in NHs are associated with a small, but significant reduction in the use of antipsychotic medication and physical restraints.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHARMACIST'S ROLE AND THE QUALITY OF PHARMACY SERVICES IN NURSING HOME CARE

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requires nursing homes (NHs) to provide pharmacy services to ensure the safety of medication use, such as minimizing off-label medication use for residents with dementia. This study examined NH's response to this requirement and its relationship to medication-related outcomes. The contemporaneous relationship between the quality of pharmacy services and outcome measures were modeled using facility-level longitudinal data from 2011-2017 and facility fixed-effects. The results revealed that deficiency in pharmacy services increased medication-related issues by: 11% in inappropriate medication regimen, 5% in medication error rate $>5\%$, and 3% in any serious medication errors. Additionally, deficiency in pharmacy services was associated with small but statistically significant increases in antipsychotic use, residents with daily pain, number of hospitalizations and rehospitalization rate. The results suggest that pharmacy services have a direct and immediate impact on medication outcomes. The results underscore the importance of pharmacy services in NHs.

Session 4460 (Paper)

SUBJECTIVE AGING AND HEALTH

DAILY PERCEPTIONS OF AGING AND IMPLICATIONS FOR STRESS REACTIVITY

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Awareness of one's own aging has received increasing attention in the field of gerontology over the last decade. This study examines the role awareness of age-related change (AARC) may play in the association between daily stressors and well-being. Recently, individuals' awareness of both age-related gains and age-related losses has been shown to vary on a day-to-day basis (Neupert & Bellongtier, 2017). We expected that increases in daily AARC-losses may be associated with increased emotional reactivity to daily stressors, whereas increases in AARC-gains may be associated with decreased reactivity. Data were collected in a daily diary study from a community-based sample of 152 Australian participants aged 53 to 86 ($M = 69.18$, $SD = 5.73$). Participants completed daily assessments of AARC, stressors and emotional affect (positive and negative) on their smartphones for 10 consecutive days. Analysis of within-person coupling using multilevel models indicated that daily increases in AARC-losses were associated with increased reactivity to daily stressors (represented by high negative affect and low positive affect). On the other hand, daily increases in AARC-gains were associated with decreased reactivity to daily stressors (represented by low negative affect). Results indicate that even short-term fluctuations in perceptions of aging may be an important factor to consider when investigating