

## Special issue: NEW MODELS OF CARE IN RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM CARE

Worldwide, healthcare systems are facing major challenges in providing long-term care for older people with complex health care needs. In Europe, about one-fifth of older people receive care in residential care facilities such as nursing homes. Quality of care, quality of life, (human) resources use and/or efficiency, however, are a continuous concern for residents, relatives, care providers, health administrators, and policy makers. In recent years many initiatives and innovations have therefore been launched and tested to optimize residential long-term care.

With recent calls from WHO, National Academy of Medicine and International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics to develop and implement new models of care improving the quality of care and life in nursing homes and nursing home-like environments, this special issue aims to offer a forum to such initiatives and contribute to the dissemination of its evidence base.

The Journal of Nursing Scholarship invites authors to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that address the development, evaluation or implementation of innovative care models in residential long-term care including models shaping the transitions between different settings.



A 'model of care' is a multifaceted concept which broadly defines the way health services are delivered, outlining best practice care delivery through the application of a set of service principles across identified clinical streams and flow continuums. (Davidson et al. 2006)

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Description of new models of care** focusing on nursing home care or the transitions to and from the nursing home;
- Theoretical frameworks for developing new models of care;
- Comparative effectiveness research, cost-effectiveness or cost-utility analysis of different models of care;
- Implementation and sustainability of new models of care focusing on **feasibility and acceptance** by staff, residents, relatives;
  - These new models of care could, among others, focus on the following themes:
    - The use of **technology and information systems** that directly impact the care or the way that care is organized;
    - Architectural adaptations or structural reorganizations from re-designing the living spaces to rethinking the care routine;
    - **Empowerment** of residents and relatives e.g. through introducing person-centered care, active participation towards health promotion and prevention, disease management, and communication;
    - Changes in resource allocation or **workforce** capacity, e.g. change in skill mix, use of APNs or mobile consultation teams.

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