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Potentials and risk factors of family caregiving for older people



Priority in Society

In Germany, as in many other European countries, family caregiving is regarded as an essential part of the provision of care for the elderly. The majority of family caregivers provide a high quality and broad service (to both the individual care recipients and to the public). The excessive demands of the caregiving situation may also result in harmful behaviour such as psychological, physical, or financial abuse, neglect or the restriction of the care recipient's personal freedom.

Focus of the Project

- Prevention of elder abuse by facilitating the early recognition of potential risk factors in individual caregiving settings and by strengthening caregivers' resources
- Improving clinical practice by taking international best-practice approaches into consideration

Overview of the Project Process

- Analysis of the best-practice approaches reported in literature and from the data of the expert interviews
- International expert workshop
- Development of a measurement for early identification of potential risks
- Specific training of professionals who work with care recipients
- Implementation of the assessment procedure combined with appropriate interventions to strengthen family caregiving throughout the Federal Republic of Germany
- Evaluation of the prevention program

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