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Research Project Summary

Code: DLC- 08-210

Subject areas: Wives' Experiences

Title	The Personal Care Home Doors Swing Both Ways: The Experiences of Older Women Whose Spouses are in Personal Care.
Overview	The experiences of older women whose husbands are in a personal care home are largely under-represented in research. The bulk of research within this population examines experiences within the context of the wives as a caregiver to their husbands. Therefore this research will aim to explore further experiences of women who husbands are in a personal care home.
Objectives	To investigate the experiences of older women whose husbands have been admitted to a personal care home within the past one to nine months. This study investigates some of the formal and informal supports in a spouse's life and how these supports may have changed since a husband's admission to a personal care home.
Principal Investigator	Colette Pancoe
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Location	DLC
Subject area	Wives' Experiences
Methodology	One on one taped interview, followed by the option of participating in a group feedback session.
Project timelines	6-12 months
Potential benefit	To gain further knowledge about what women are experiencing when their husbands are admitted to a nursing home. Ideally, this research study will help social workers and allied health professionals such as nurses understand what women experience in their lives after their husbands move to a personal care home.
Status	Completed
Publications	None as of Yet
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