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**Search details**

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**Summary**

Resources found on dignity and continence in general and more specific items referring to patients with dementia and learning disabilities.

**Guidelines**

2. **Privacy and Dignity in Continence Care Project**, University of Kent, Royal College of Physicians and British Geriatric Society 2010.
Evidence-based reviews
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Published research

1. Achieving dignity for older people with dementia in hospital.
   
   **Author(s):** Bridges, Jackie, Wilkinson, Charlotte
   
   **Citation:** Nursing Standard, 23 March 2011, vol./is. 25/29(42-48), 00296570
   
   **Publication Date:** 23 March 2011
   
   **Abstract:** The quality of care for people with dementia in general hospital settings has attracted widespread concern. While organisation-wide strategies are needed to address many of the issues, the nursing role is critical to articulating and promoting good practice. This article focuses on promoting dignity for older people with dementia and offers a number of strategies to help individual nurses and nursing teams reflect on and promote good practice.
   
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2. Acute care management of older people with dementia: a qualitative perspective.
   
   **Author(s):** Moyle, W, Borbasi, S, Wallis, M
   
   **Citation:** J Clinical Nursing, February 2011, vol./is. 20/3-4(420-8), 0962-1067 (2011 Feb)
   
   **Publication Date:** February 2011
   
   **Abstract:** Qualitative research in Australia examining the views of nurses, doctors, ward managers and health care assistants on current models of care for older dementia patients in acute care settings. Interviews were used to explore challenges caused by a perceived focus on safety, including use of restraint, at the expense of person-centred care emphasising well-being and dignity. 33 refs.
   
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Author(s): Manthorpe, J, Iliffe, S, Samsi, K

Citation: Int J Older People Nursing, September 2010, vol./is. 5/3(235-44), 1748-3735 (2010 Sep)

Publication Date: September 2010

Abstract: Report of a workshop for dementia care practitioners and managers, focusing on the use of 5 vignettes exploring dignity related to disclosure of dementia diagnosis, lying to patients, consent to sexual activity, hygiene and personal care and end of life care. 36 refs.

Source: BNI

4. Dignity, dining and dialogue: reviewing the literature on quality of life for people with dementia.

Author(s): Venturato, L

Citation: Int J Older People Nursing, September 2010, vol./is. 5/3(228-34), 1748-3735 (2010 Sep)

Publication Date: September 2010

Abstract: Literature review on quality of life (QOL) issues related to people with dementia. Assessment of QOL, personhood, dignity, food and mealtimes are discussed. 56 refs.

Source: BNI

5. Dignity restored with incontinence mattress.

Citation: Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 01 June 2010, vol./is. 36/6(6-6), 00989134

Publication Date: 01 June 2010

Source: CINAHL

Full Text: Available in fulltext at EBSCO Host

6. Bowel and bladder care at the end of life.

Author(s): Kyle G

Citation: British Journal of Nursing (BJN), 08 April 2010, vol./is. 19/7(408-412), 09660461

Publication Date: 08 April 2010

Abstract: This article discusses the management of end of life continence care under the headings of four end of life core competencies. Management modalities are identified and explored within the context of evidence based practice.

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7. Clinicians must remember that dignity is a private affair.

Author(s): Averall, W

Citation: Continence UK, March 2010, vol./is. 4/1(10-2), 1753-8890 (2010 Mar)

Publication Date: March 2010

Abstract: Editorial concerning dignity in continence care for older people. Tips are listed including the importance of discreet communication and cleanliness and privacy in use of bathroom facilities. 1 ref.

Source: BNI

8. A systematic literature review of incontinence care for persons with dementia: the research evidence.

Author(s): Hagglund, D

Citation: J Clinical Nursing, February 2010, vol./is. 19/3-4(303-12), 0962-1067 (2010 Feb)

Publication Date: February 2010

Abstract: Systematic review of research examining the effectiveness of strategies used to assess, manage and prevent urinary/faecal incontinence in people with dementia. The impact of various management/prevention methods, including prompted/timed voiding, bladder/bowel/pelvic floor muscle training, incontinence aids, catheterisation and laxative use, was investigated. Challenges of maintaining dignity are considered. 54 refs.

Source: BNI


Author(s): Backer, C, Chapman, M, Mitchell, D

Citation: JARID, November 2009, vol./is. 22/6(514-25), 1360-2322 (2009 Nov)

Publication Date: November 2009

Abstract: Review of research examining the barriers experienced by
learning disabled people when visiting/staying in hospital and making recommendations for improvement. Problems in the areas of physical environments, attitudes of nurses/other staff and an over-dependence or under-dependence on accompanying carers were analysed. 53 refs.

Source: BNI


Author(s): Alaszewski, H, Holdsworth, L, Billings, J

Citation: Nursing & Residential Care, August 2009, vol./is. 11/8(393-6), 1465-9301 (2009 Aug)

Publication Date: August 2009

Abstract: Research in Kent and London with nursing home residents and hospital patients to discover what factors they felt were important in maintaining their dignity during continence care. Participants, aged 65 years and over, who had bowel/bladder incontinence, were interviewed and an observation schedule was used to monitor toileting care. 1 ref.

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Author(s): Alaszewski H, Holdsworth L, Billings J

Citation: Nursing & Residential Care, 01 August 2009, vol./is. 11/8(393-396), 14659301

Publication Date: 01 August 2009

Abstract: People with incontinence problems are particularly vulnerable to feeling a loss of dignity. A recent study on dignity in care settings explored the factors important to residents in maintaining dignity during continence care.

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12. Nurses must receive sufficient continence education and training.

Author(s): Lomas C

Citation: Nursing Times, 02 June 2009, vol./is. 105/21(32-33), 09547762

Publication Date: 02 June 2009

Abstract: A Nursing Times survey has revealed gaps in training and education for continence management. Clare Lomas investigates how this can be addressed.
13. In search of dignity: one family caring for their child’s incontinence... Incontinence education series - part 6.

Author(s): Coelho A

Citation: Exceptional Parent, 01 May 2009, vol./is. 39/5(92-93), 00469157

Publication Date: 01 May 2009

Source: CINAHL

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Author(s): Clark, J

Citation: Nursing Times, February 2009, vol./is. 105/6(26-8), 0954-7762 (2009 17 Feb)

Publication Date: February 2009

Abstract: Qualitative research on personal care related to bowel and urinary continence for people with a learning disability in residential homes. Participant observation, staff interviews and document review were conducted to examine approaches to and policies concerning patient dignity relating to their use of toilet facilities and toileting practices. The implications of staff attitudes, responses and perceptions were also examined. 7 refs.

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15. The delivery of dignity when caring for older people.

Author(s): Potter, C
Citation: Br J Community Nursing, September 2008, vol./is. 13/9(430-2), 1462-4753 (2008 Sep)

Publication Date: September 2008

Abstract: The Help the Aged six senses framework (a sense of security, continuity, belonging, purpose, achievement and significance) for health and social care environments that promote dignity in elderly care. Issues relating to staff well-being, the challenges of Alzheimer disease and other dementias and dignity at the end of life are discussed. 8 refs.

Source: BNI

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16. Nurses need to consider residents’ dignity when giving intimate care.

Citation: Nursing Times, 24 June 2008, vol./is. 104/25(39-39), 09547762

Publication Date: 24 June 2008

Source: CINAHL

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17. Dignity through change: how continence matters.

Author(s): Holmes, P

Citation: Working with Older People, June 2008, vol./is. 12/2(23-5), 1366-3666 (2008 Jun)

Publication Date: June 2008

Abstract: The lack of public toilets in many areas and the problems created for elderly people with incontinence. The negative effects on social life are outlined, together with the campaigns undertaken by the Help the Aged organisation. 7 refs.

Source: BNI

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18. The management of urinary incontinence and confusion.

Author(s): Leddy, J
Citation: Continence UK, June 2008, vol./is. 2/2(19-28), 1753-8890 (2008 Jun)

Publication Date: June 2008

Abstract: The importance of assessment and continence care in the management of urinary incontinence in patients with confusion or dementia. Problems of neurological control of the bladder and difficulties caused by brain changes in dementia are described and patient assessment, behaviour modification, communication and dignity are considered. 14 refs.

Source: BNI

19. The cost of containment.

Author(s): Davis, C

Citation: Nursing Older People, April 2008, vol./is. 20/3(24-6), 1472-0795 (2008 Apr)

Publication Date: April 2008

Abstract: Discussion of the report 'National Audit of Continence Care for Older People' by the Royal College of Physicians of London (2008). Failures to comply with NICE guidelines for continence care including history taking, checking for infection and treatment such as pelvic floor exercises are highlighted. The consequences for patient dignity, psychosocial effects, depression and moving to long term care are emphasised. 8 refs.

Source: BNI

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20. Dependence and dignity.

Author(s): Sturdy, D

Citation: Nursing Older People, April 2008, vol./is. 20/3(10), 1472-0795 (2008 Apr)

Publication Date: April 2008

Abstract: Comment on the findings of the report 'National Audit of Continence Care for Older People' by the Royal College of Physicians of London (2008). The role of nurses in continence care and the importance of respect for patients are emphasised. 1 ref.

Source: BNI

**Citation:** Nursing Times, 21 November 2006, vol./is. 102/47(40-40), 09547762

**Publication Date:** 21 November 2006

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22. Continence care must respect patients' dignity.

**Author(s):** Shepherd, E

**Citation:** Nursing Times, November 2006, vol./is. 102/47(39), 0954-7762 (2006 21 Nov)

**Publication Date:** November 2006

**Abstract:** Continence Journal supplement. Comments on the tendency of nurses to label patients as 'incontinent' rather than try to promote their continence. The importance of treating patients who have a continence problem with dignity and attempting to meet their needs is discussed.

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23. Urinary incontinence in dementia - a practical approach.

**Author(s):** Yap P, Tan D
BACKGROUND: Urinary incontinence is a common problem in dementia. Almost invariably, the person with dementia will develop incontinence as the disease progresses. However, the primary reasons for incontinence are often not because of any significant pathology in the urinary system. Rather, it is due to factors outside the urinary system. The term 'functional incontinence' has hence been applied. Maintenance of continence requires mobility, manual dexterity, mental capacity and motivation. Clearly, the person with dementia is vulnerable to developing problems in these domains. OBJECTIVE: This article provides a comprehensive overview of how the stage and type of dementia may account for cognitive and functional deficits, the psycho-emotional world and behaviour of the patient, their care environment, and possible medical factors and pathology in the urinary system. DISCUSSION: Management is directed at turning around reversible factors, preserving independence and dignity of the patient, and providing sensitive and empathetic care even if the problem is not completely remediable. In those with more advanced dementia, timed and prompted voiding have shown the most promise.

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1. The impact of urological conditions on patients' dignity
L Baillie - International Journal of Urological Nursing, 2007 - Wiley Online Library
... approach can promote dignity following urinary incontinence was also described and observed. Only Matthews and Callister (2004) specifically identified reassurance as promoting dignity but similar interactions found to promote dignity include treating patients with empathy ...

2. Older people are not getting discreet and appropriate continence care
J Carlowe - BMJ, 2009 - bmj.com
... Older people are not always being treated with dignity when it comes to continence care, says research released this week. ... Jackie Morris, lead on dignity at the British Geriatrics Society, said, 
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