

The challenges of involving patients with dementia in research on the acute hospital ward.

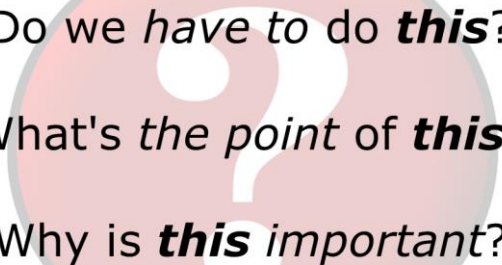


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Why bother?

- Dementia affects 850,000 people in the UK.
- 1 in 4 hospital beds occupied by a person with dementia
- Prime Minister's challenge on dementia 2020
- Nothing about me without me



Do we *have to* do **this**?
What's *the point* of **this**?
Why is **this** important?

“The issue is not should we include the person with dementia
but how can we best do it” Hellstrom et al (2007)

Method



- PhD Research Study
- Observations and Interviews
- 3x Medicine for Older persons ward
- Purposive Sampling
- Inclusion Criteria



Recommendations

- Find the right ethics board
- Cognitive Impairment NOT Diagnosis
- Reduced stimuli
- Ensure only verbal consent needed
- Reduce consultee input
- Less is best



RECOMMENDED

Future Work

Consent
Process

Documentation

Education

Ethics
Committee

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland, Alzheimer's Research UK and Alzheimer's Society have developed Join Dementia Research, a service which allows people to register their interest in participating in dementia research and be matched to suitable studies.



Any Questions?



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