

P-447 - UNCOVERING FACILITATORS AND BARRIERS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY DEMENTIA CARE

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Objective: To gain insight into facilitators and barriers for the integration of community dementia care.

Design: Qualitative focus group discussions and semistructured interviews.

Setting: Community care in a period in which the National Dementia Program stimulated integration of dementia care; at the same time, a new law stimulated market mechanism in care.

Participants: Professionals involved in the development of five dementia networks.

Measurement: We conducted three focus group interviews and three face-to-face interviews with 17 professionals from various disciplines involved in the National Dementia Program. The data were analyzed using the grounded theory approach.

Results: Analysis revealed facilitators and barriers affecting integration of dementia care. The facilitators were the intrinsic motivation to collaborate on improving dementia care, client-centeredness of the improvement projects, positive team climate, sufficient financial support and embedding of the improvement projects, and the well-structured, uniform format of the National Dementia Programme. At the individual level, the main barriers were demotivation, sub-optimal professional participation, insufficient funding of improvement projects, and *market mechanisms* and competition.

Conclusions: We hypothesize that societal trends strongly influence the level of inter-organisational collaboration and individual commitment, thereby modulating the effectiveness of integrative efforts in dementia care.