

Special Issue

Restraint Minimalization in Aged Care and in the Community

Message from the Guest Editors

Restraint in older people can be defined as equipment or chemicals used to limit the ability to move freely. Nay, Koch and Tirgar (1999) add to the definition that this “does not refer to equipment requested by the individual for their safety, mobility of comfort. Neither does it refer to drugs used—with informed consent—to treat specific appropriately diagnosed conditions where drug use is clinically indicated to be the most appropriate treatment.” Other forms of restraint encompass environmental restraint and psychological restraint.

Papers addressing these areas are invited in this Special Issue, particularly those combining a high academic standard coupled with a practical focus. Most attention on this topic has focused on institutional settings; however, considering that increasing numbers of older people are supported in the community and that they are frequently looked after by informal care givers, this Special Issue could provide a valuable resource for a variety of target groups. The aim is to provide an interdisciplinary platform for literature on restraint minimalization in residential (or long-term) aged care settings and in the community.

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