

Improving dementia health care service in Europe: The new European study 'RightTimePlaceCare'

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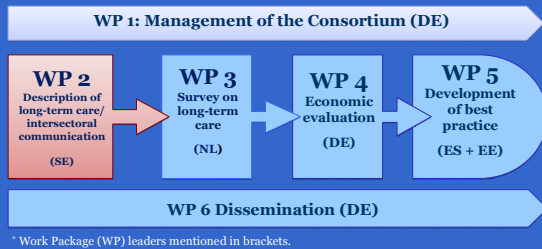
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Background

Given the increasing number of patients/consumers with dementia, political action is urgently required to prepare the health care services throughout Europe to deliver cost effective high quality long-term care to people concerned. Currently, there is a lack of clinical research data of patients/consumers and informal caregivers to develop best practice strategies for long-term care. *RightTimePlaceCare* (RTPC) intends to deliver best practice strategies for need-tailored dementia care throughout the dementia care sectors and aims to preserve best available health outcomes for both patients/consumers with dementia and their informal caregivers at affordable cost-benefit ratios.

Flow of the RTPC project*



Description of WPs

Work package 1 aims to coordinate and manage the project.

Work package 2 describes and analyses the European health, social care and welfare systems, advocacy and informal caregiver support systems for patients/consumers with dementia and their informal caregivers and intersectoral communication using **literature review, expert interviews and focus groups**. The exploration of the communication between different formal and informal care providers and the experiences of patients/consumers with dementia and their informal caregivers with intersectoral information delivery will be gathered to understand the challenges and to develop an integrated health care model for patients with dementia.

Work package 3 comprises a survey assessing the factors influencing the institutionalisation of patients/consumers with dementia at the time of admission to long-term institutional nursing care and investigating the living conditions of patients/consumers with dementia and their informal caregivers who receive long-term formal professional home care and institutional nursing care and the related economic impact (**work package 4**). Methods used are **personal interviews** with patients/consumers with dementia, their informal caregivers (+formal caregivers in nursing homes), and **record data extraction**.



Project number:

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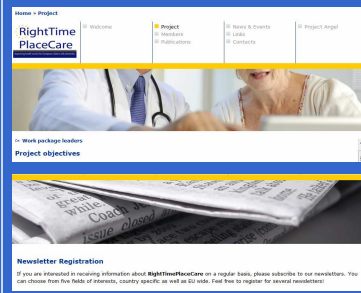
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Work package 5 generates best practice strategies for intersectoral arrangements needed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of integrated health care in European dementia care systems, and recommendations for best practice models or interventions in long-term nursing care facilities. Data from all other work packages are **interpreted** and **Delphi technique** will be used.

Work package 6 comprises dissemination based on a **detailed dissemination plan**. The aims are to effectively deliver the generated knowledge and best practice strategies to political and other decision makers in dementia care and to ensure a maximum general dissemination of the results.

Progress of the project

WP 1	Finalisation of standard operating procedures on Ethical Issue Management, Fair authorship rules, External data audit
WP 2	Finalisation of descriptive data collection, Start of analysis Study proposal on focus group study
WP 3	Finalisation of study protocol on clinical data assessment Translation of assessment instruments, Pilot study + first patients recruited (NL) Approvals of ethical committees
WP 4	Finalisation of study protocol on cost assessment Pilot study (NL)
WP 5	Finalisation of proposal on Best practice literature review Start of literature search
WP 6	Website First newsletter in preparation