

# Meeting the support needs of family carers of people living with dementia in the community: Potential translation into practice

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### Research Abstract

Family carers of people with dementia can experience significant stress and consequent poor health. The Carer Support Needs Assessment Tool is a questionnaire that is used within the context of a person-centred approach. The approach was developed for use in palliative care to help family carers identify and prioritise their needs and access appropriate support. In a recent trial in home-based palliative care, use of this approach resulted in a significant reduction in

carer strain. This project aims to translate the approach for use in home-based care for people with dementia. Community care coordinators from one aged-care provider are implementing the approach with 35 family carers. Family carers' and care providers' perspectives are being evaluated. If found to be useful, this innovative practice change offers a novel way for community-based health care providers to engage with family carers of people with dementia and empower them to sustain their caregiving role.

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