

COGNISANCE

Co-Designing Dementia Diagnosis and Post-Diagnostic Care

People with dementia and their care partners are often dissatisfied with the process of diagnosis, communication and recommendations after diagnosis. We aim to design with people with dementia, their care partners and clinicians recommendations and campaigns for all concerned on how to improve diagnostic process and post-diagnostic care in Europe, Canada and Australia. We will evaluate the effectiveness with view to wider distribution globally.

Synopsis:

Despite many national guidelines for diagnosis of dementia, persons diagnosed with dementia and their family carers are often dissatisfied with the process, the communication and post-diagnostic care. Our aim is to co-design with people diagnosed with dementia, their family care partners and clinicians, recommendations on how to improve diagnostic process and post-diagnostic care and then institute campaigns in specific areas of participating countries to encourage their implementation.

Objectives:

- (1) make recommendations for diagnostic process and post-diagnostic care based on literature and input from PPI and clinicians;
- (2) devise surveys and procedure for focus groups;
- (3) devise campaigns targeting clinicians and target populations in discrete areas. All partners will administer surveys and invite to focus groups people recently (< 3 months) diagnosed with dementia and their carer partners prior to the campaign and six months later.

Outcomes:

The primary outcome will be improvement in satisfaction with process of diagnosis and post-diagnostic care by persons diagnosed with dementia and their care partners. Secondary outcomes will be evaluation of the campaigns using the RE-AIM framework and changes in clinicians' attitudes, skills and practice.

Outputs will be a series of core recommendations for implementing best practice aligned with published dementia guidelines that can be modified according to local needs. We will work with an International Advisory Committee (ADI, Dementia Alliance International, LMIC) to prepare recommendations suitable for adoption internationally.



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