

Improving care for ethnic minority elderly and their family caregivers across the spectrum of dementia severity

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Key Words:

Caregiving, informal social networks, help-seeking, barriers to care, dementia, primary care

Research aim:

As our elderly population becomes more ethnically diverse, there is a pressing need to understand the unique challenges and opportunities this presents for research and service delivery. This paper outlines key research areas and methods to move the field forward. Key research issues are outlined that reflect observations of someone who conducts research from a social and cultural perspective, plowing the intellectual terrain at the interface of medical anthropology and health services research. Four key areas are described along with examples of research questions. The first topic area, intraethnic diversity, can be viewed as an important theme that should be carried through other areas of research. The remaining three stand on their own as key foci for research.

Results/Conclusion:

Key research issues are outlined as observations from someone who conducts research from a social and cultural perspective, through the interface of medical anthropology and health services research. Four key research areas are described along with examples of research questions. The first topic area, intraethnic diversity, can be viewed as an important theme that should be carried through other areas of research described.

Implications:

Much has been learned about the implications of this ethnic and cultural diversity for dementia research. Building on this base, it will be important for researchers to go beyond demonstrating differences and similarities between ethnic minority and non-ethnic minority groups, to highlight sources of intraethnic diversity, and to specify the underlying processes that contribute to crossethnic differences.

Cultural Group(s):

CALD

Location of study:

United States

Age group:

Not specific - carers

Number included in study:

N/A

Type of participants:

None

Research approach:

Type of data:

Literature review

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: