Language use of older Italian-background persons with dementia in mainstream and ethno-specific residential care

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Research aim:

Results/Conclusion: Participants in mainstream facilities engaged in less communication with co-residents and were prescribed daytime benzodiazepines at a higher rate than those in Italian-specific facilities.

Implications: Older persons in mainstream facilities with dementia and lower levels of English proficiency may benefit from additional language-relevant resources. The finding of higher prescription rate of daytime benzodiazepines requires further investigation.

Cultural Group(s): Italian

Location of study: Residential care facilities

Age group:

Number included in study: 39

Type of participants: older Italians with severe dementia residing either in mainstream (20) or ethno-specific facilities (19)

Research approach: Observation

Type of data: Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: cross referenced in dementia workbook