P1-41: Caregiver Perceptions of Factors Contributing to Resident-to-Resident Violence in Nursing Homes

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Abstract:
Introduction: Resident-to-resident (R-R) violence in nursing homes is a growing problem in the United States and is a major cause of physical and emotional harm, chemical and physical restraint usage, and transfer to geropsychiatric in-patient facilities. Exploration of this phenomenon is needed in order to properly address the problem by developing risk profiles and prevention strategies. The purpose of this proposed research was to explore the R-R violence from the perspective of those who witness the phenomenon most often—the caregivers.

Method(s): In-depth interviews were conducted with 12 certified nurses’ assistants (CNAs) employed at a rural, county-owned nursing home in Northeast Arkansas. A semi-structured interview guide was used to elicit data regarding the CNAs’ perception of factors contributing to R-R violence in nursing home residents with dementia. A demographic form was used to describe the participants and field notes described the context of the interviews and investigator impressions.

Results: Initial data analysis is underway and preliminary findings will be presented. Initial findings to date include descriptions of numerous factors in both the internal and external environments of nursing home residents that CNAs perceive as being instrumental in the production of R-R violence.

Discussion & Conclusions: This study will contribute information on which to base the development of a predictive model involving major factors that precede violence and may be subsequently targeted for management. The accurate prediction and prevention of R-R violence will contribute to the safety and quality of life of older Americans residing in nursing homes.
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