The Dementia Bill of Rights

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Concept

• In the USA the Bill of Rights is a core constitutional document expressing human rights

• We did not intend this to be a legal document but instead a statement of human rights and best practices/goals for persons with dementia.
Brief History of the Alzheimer’s Bill of Rights


• Soon reprinted by ADI

• Embraced by member societies, organizations and individuals.

• We thought after almost 20 years it was time to update and embrace new concepts.
1994 – Alzheimer’s Bill of Rights

Today- Dementia Bill of Rights
To be informed of one's diagnosis
To have appropriate, ongoing medical care
To be treated as an adult, listened to, and afforded respect for one's feelings and point of view
To be with individuals who know one's life story, including cultural and spiritual traditions
To experience meaningful engagement throughout the day
To live in a safe and stimulating environment
To be outdoors on a regular basis
To be free from psychotropic medications whenever possible
To have welcomed physical contact, including hugging, caressing, and handholding
To be an advocate for oneself and for others
To be part of a local, global, or online community

- Alzheimer’s Disease International
- Facebook
- Skype
- Dasni
To have care partners well trained in dementia care