

# People with Dementia Treated in Acute And General Hospitals

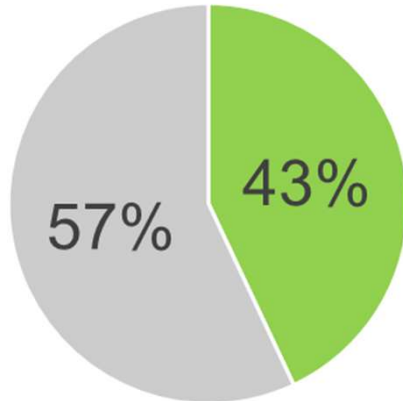
The Significance of Family  
Members and Familiar Caregivers

# Extract from an interview

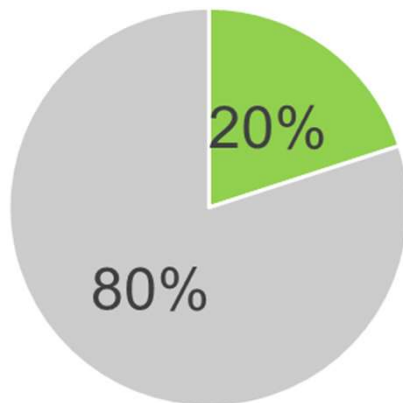
“It's always bad for them, yes. Even when she was admitted here on Sunday, she did not understand anything at all. She screamed in pain as well, but it's difficult to change that. That's just the situation that's so difficult. I mean, I guess it's important when somebody with dementia comes to hospital, to inform their relatives really quickly and to try that they come. This is a good relief for the people at the first moment, especially in this emergency situation. My grandma became much more calm when she saw me. When I was there, she was very quiet and before she was really screaming. I think it's important that family members can come immediately and that gives a certain feeling of security.”

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# What's the topic?



Proportion of patients aged 65 and older in acute and general hospitals (Germany).



Approximate proportion of patients with dementia (Germany).  
There is a wide range up to over 40 % (worldwide).

# What is already known?



- Person with Dementia comes to hospital
- Specialized knowledge
- Structural frameworks
- Patient-centered care
- Familiarity / feelings of safety
- Reinforcement of dementia and challenging behavior

# What is the aim of the study?



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# What is known about relatives in hospital?

## CARE MANAGER

- informant
- advocate
- coordinator
- expert
- mediator
- translator
- valuation the quality of care

## CARE PROVIDER

- direct care
- emotionale support
- encouraging
- protecting

## CARE RECIPIENT

- need information
- need emotional support
- disruption of routine causes stress and fear
- worry about the future after discharge

# What do first results of the study suggest?

## REFERENCE PERSON/ CAREGIVER

- calming down
- feeling of safety

## CARE AND SUPPORT

- helping
- being a good team
- paying attention
- *overburdend*
- *afraid*

# Do family members and familiar caregivers play an important role?

Relatives play a central role in the mental, social and physical well-being of people with dementia.



Patients with dementia and primary caregivers should be perceived as a dyadic union and treated accordingly.