Per-Dem: Person-centeredness and concepts of the person in the context of dementia

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thorough discussion of the concept of personhood during the second part of the project. Personhood can be understood conceptually. Therefore the question is how the resulting systematic substantial overview of the topic “person and dementia” care concepts. This will improve the appropriateness of the theories of theoretical grounding in research and practice. In the medium term the DZNE in Witten within the international debate on person-centeredness.

The following research questions shall be answered during the project:

- What does the concept of person-centeredness mean with regard to dementia in the research literature?
- Which concepts of personhood underlie the research literature concerning person-centeredness with regard to dementia?
- What are the consequences of the underlying concepts of personhood for dementia research and care?

Methods

To cover a wide range of literature and to generate a systematic literature search as comprehensive as possible, the review will be conducted as a scoping study in nine scientific databases. Apart from that, relevant publications will be additionally gathered through hand search and consultation of experts. Subsequently the full texts will be analyzed with MAXQDA. For dealing with the first research question and for the purpose of a conceptual analysis, categories will be formed from the identified publications in order to describe in this way the different ideas of person-centeredness and to quantify them numerically. The results of the scoping study will be used to deal with the second and third research question in the literature and to compare them differentially, the search strategy of the subsequent analysis will also be carried out in MAXQDA.

Conclusions

The results of the project Per-Dem provide a systematic overview of the results enable a critical analysis of existing care-concepts and of theory social health discourse. For the DZNE in Witten the results also contribute both research and care practice.

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