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SOCIAL PARTICIPATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN DEMENTIA

Participating in social activities is important for human beings, both for their personal wellbeing and societal functioning. Dementia does not take away the need for social relations. Although the capabilities of people with dementia to remain socially involved decrease with the progression of the disease, people remain able to connect to others in one way or another. Adequate support to help people with dementia to remain socially involved is therefore important. This thesis reports on the implementation and effects of two interventions that aim to improve quality of life of people with dementia by enhancing their social participation.



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