The Challenges of Domiciliary Care

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Increasing Demand

• Elderly
• Physical disability
• Learning disability, Autism
• Mental illness

• Equity of access
Teeth!

- Emergency Care
- Treatment – Normative vs Realistic
- Equipment
- Environment
- Transport, Transfer
- Shared Care

Denture status and need for prosthodontic treatment among institutionalized elderly in Denmark. Community Dent Oral Epidemiol 1987 15: 128-133
Communication

- Planning appointments
- Speaking with carers
- Liaising with relatives
- Medical Colleagues
- Social Work
- Capacity Assessment
- DH/DT/EDDN
- Prescription
- Payment
Training and Accreditation

- Local Mentoring
- NES – Awi and Section 63
- University courses
- Royal Colleges – Diplomas and Membership in Special Care Dentistry (Specialist Training Programme)
- ‘Dementia’ and ‘Palliative and End of Life Care’ Frameworks (NES + Scottish Social Services Council)
Challenges: Domiciliary Care for the Elderly
Education and continuous training must ensure that oral health care providers have skills in and a profound understanding of the biomedical and psychosocial aspects of care for older people.”

Care home staff request a domiciliary visit for Mr K who is showing signs of stress and distress during oral care:

Mr K, 77 years old


Medication: Lamotrigine, omeprazole, aspirin and trazodone.

Social History: Care home resident for 4 yrs. Ex-military. Close family.

Dental History: Heavily restored dentition. Previous IV sedation. 3/12 topical fluoride applications. Prescribed 2800ppm toothpaste. Soft diet with frequent sugary snacks.


Mobility: Wheelchair user, no sitting balance, full body hoist.

Dependency: Fully dependant for all aspects of personal care. Often exhibits stress and distress during personal care.
Dementia Skills

- People with dementia have the right to health services provided by professionals who have had appropriate training on dementia...
- Knowledge and understanding of the causes and signs of stress and distress for the person with dementia

- Approach
- Environment
- Communication
- Promote self-care
- Rescue


Jablonski R A. Examining oral health in nursing home residents and overcoming mouth care-resistive behaviors. *Annals of Long-Term Care* 2010; 18: 21-6
Communicating Oral Pain in Dementia?

• Over 60 percent of assessed participants were considered to have a pain-causing condition. Cohen-Mansfield J, Lipson S. The under detection of pain of dental etiology in persons with dementia. *Am J Alzheimer's Dis Other Demen* 2002; 17: 249-53

• There is little research focused on orofacial pain in older people with dementia. Delwel S, Binnekade TT, Perez RS, Hertogh CM, Scherder EJ, Lobbezoo F. Oral health and orofacial pain in older people with dementia: a systematic review with focus on dental hard tissues. *Clin Oral Investig* 2016

• See Change, Think Pain.
Examination

Lost LR6 MOD amalgam. Lingual wall fractured sub gingival. Caries UL3 mesial. No evidence of swelling or trauma.

Treatment options

Monitor only?

Attempt restoration with domiciliary kit or bring patient into surgery with hoist?

Consider IV sedation or GA?
What were the Challenges?

Logistical

Special Care Dentistry

Dementia skills

Adults with Incapacity

Multi disciplinary working (Family / Carers / DCPs / PAMs/Nursing Staff / Doctors / Anaesthetic team / Ambulance Transport Crews)

Thank you for Listening