



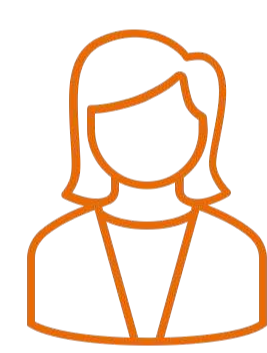
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# Formal and informal caregivers acknowledge the importance of dignity in hospice care but a systematic approach to the exploration and monitoring of personal values, wishes and needs is lacking

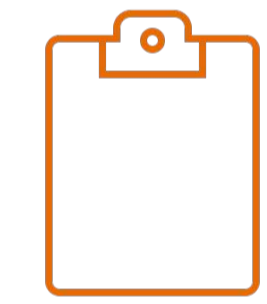
## Dignity in hospice care an exploration of the healthcare professional perspective

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Formal and informal health care providers working in hospice care.



Qualitative study  
Focus group interviews



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Thematic analysis

### Results

In total, nineteen caregivers participated in the focusgroups of whom 2 patient representatives, 6 informal caregivers, 8 nurses and physician and a chaplain. On average caregivers had 20 years experience (2 – 38) of which 6 years (1 – 12) in hospice care.

Formal and informal caregivers reflected on the meaning and value of dignity, and how dignity can be conserved in hospice care. During this exploration **five themes emerged**.

Caregivers implicitly align their care according to these themes based on observations. An explicit exploration the personal values, wishes and needs is seldomly performed in hospice care.

