



Do you want to advance knowledge on dementia caregiving? Are you also interested in participating in a study on views about dementia?

We are looking for persons who are in contact with persons with dementia.

Are you ...

... a professional caregiver

... a family caregiver

... working in aging services

... or otherwise in contact with persons with dementia

Our Study

The World Health Organization has declared dementia a public health priority. Given that the incidence of dementia rises along with aging population it is clear that dementia-related issues pose vital challenges for professionals in aging services.

While some caregivers perceive their time spent with persons with dementia as rewarding, many struggle with the challenging nature and intensity of dementia caregiving. Past studies found that how people think about dementia can influence their level of engagement and well-being at work. With this in mind, we aim to better understand factors that influence how people think about dementia.

In our Online-Study, we first ask participants about their thoughts related to dementia. We then assess some key personal factors (e.g., control beliefs, empathy), as well as demographic and job-related variables (e.g. age, profession). Finally, we present several scenarios of daily interactions with persons with dementia that one could encounter when working in aging services, being a formal or informal caregiver and ask participants how they might react in each situation.

The online-questionnaire takes about 40 minutes to complete. All answers will be treated confidentially and used for scientific purposes only. A summary of most important findings will be distributed after analyses have been completed.

[Link to Dementia Mindset Study](#)

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