

*Moral reasoning in dementia care:
The Ethical challenges of Long Term
Care*

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Ethics and moral reasoning

- People have asked what kind of life is best for the individual?

Determination of right or wrong

- These questions were explored through different approaches.....

Is dementia challenging?

- Understanding the needs of persons with dementia, in physiologic and cognitive terms
 - Decision making
 - Capacity
 - Best interest
 - Behavior
 - Induced dependencies

Who comes first?

Dementia or the person

- Identity
- A different person: Personhood

Ethical framework

- Fundamental approach to what is the right thing to do.
- Different perspectives
- Healthcare professional approach to LTC

Ethical framework

- Value to life
- Experience of life
- Potential to life

The object perspective

- Quality-of-life vs Quantity-of-life
- Ordinary treatment vs Extra-ordinary treatment

Dilemmas in LTC

- Communication
- Paternalism (who knows best)
- Ageism

Adoption of principles

It is more than conventional principlism.....

- Principle of Totality
- Principle of Solidarity

Models of Care

- Person centered care
- Consensus building approach

End-of-life Care

- Do we know our limits?
- Are we giving possibilities of expression?
- The concept of futility

Conclusion

- We treat the *Person*
- Persons are *Different* and *Unique*
- Everyone has *Potential* and a *Right to Life*

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