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Summary of Eilon Caspi's Work on Prevention of Distressing and Harmful Resident-to-Resident Interactions in Dementia in Long-Term Care Homes

Training Programs

Caspi E. (2017). Eight 3-hour staff training sessions on prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Delivered on March 13-15 in Thunder Bay and March 29-30, 2017 in Kenora and Fort Frances. Invited by Alison Denton, manager, Regional Behavioral Health Services for Northwestern Ontario with St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 9.13.16 for **LeadingAge Kansas's Joint Provider/Surveyor Training**. Wichita, KS.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 9.14.16 for **LeadingAge Kansas's Joint Provider/Surveyor Training**. Topeka, KS.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 10.12.16 as In-Service Annual Training for 165 Surveyors and Supervisors of the **Minnesota Department of Health** (such as Health Regulation Division, Licensing and Certification, Office of Health Complaints, Home Care & Assisted Living Program). The Long-Term Care Ombudsman staff are also invited to attend this presentation. The presentation is **sponsored by Orfield Labs Inc.** (Steve Orfield), Minneapolis, MN.

Caspi, E. (2011). Aggressive behaviors between residents with memory loss in an assisted living residence. Training delivered on 12.1.11 at Compass on the Bay Memory-Support Assisted Living, Boston. MA.

Caspi, E. (2010). Aggressive behaviors between elder residents with memory-loss in an assisted living residence. Training delivered on 12.12.10 to the interdisciplinary team of the psychogeriatric day center, Ichilov Hospital, Tel Aviv, Israel.

2000 – Trainer. Home for the Aged in Tel Aviv, Israel. Delivered a 5-session workshop on prevention of conflicts between elder residents with low-income.



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Expert Consulting Services

March 2017 – Present. Consulting Alzheimer’s Society of Canada on development of educational resources on prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. For Mary Schultz, Director of Education, Alzheimer’s Society of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Invited for 1-day meeting with researchers, practitioners, and care advocates to develop a research agenda on resident-to-resident aggression in long-term care homes in Canada. This first-of-its-kind event was funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and hosted by the Institute for Life Course & Aging, University of Toronto. The initiative was led by Prof. Lynn McDonald and was held on 5.20.14 in Toronto.

Book

Caspi, E. (in press) Fighting for Dignity: Prevention of Distressing and Harmful Resident-to-Resident Interactions in Dementia in Long-Term Care Homes. Health Professions Press. Expected release: 2018

Publications (peer-reviewed journals)

Caspi, E. A federal survey deficiency citation is needed for resident-to-resident aggression in U.S. nursing homes. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*. [In press]

McDonald, L., Hitzig, S.L., Pillemer, K.A., Lachs, M.S., Beaulieu, M., Brownell, P., Burnes, D., **Caspi, E** et al. (2015) Developing a research agenda on resident-to-resident aggression: Recommendations from a consensus conference. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 27, 146–167.

Caspi, E. (2015). Aggressive behaviors between residents with dementia in an assisted living residence. *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice*, 14(4), 528-546. Link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24339115>

Editorial

Caspi, E. (2016). Deaths as a result of resident-to-resident altercations in dementia in long-term care homes: A need for research, policy, and prevention. *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*, 17(1), 7-11. [= A review of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 40 elders as a result of these incidents] Link to full text article: http://ltcombudsman.org/uploads/files/support/Editorial_JAMDA - Final.pdf



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Letters to the Editor

Caspi, E. (2015). Policy Recommendation: The National Center for Prevention of Resident-to-Resident Aggression in Dementia. *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*, 16, 527-534.

Caspi, E. (2013). M.D.S. 3.0 – A giant step forward but what about items on resident-to-resident aggression? *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*, 14(8), 624-625.

Conference Presentations

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 11.15.16 at the Care Providers of Minnesota 68th Annual Convention, Bloomington, MN.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on November 2-5 at 40th Annual Conference of The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, Arlington, Virginia.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. **Keynote** presentation delivered on 10.14.16 at the Minnesota Medical Directors Association annual conference.

Caspi, E. (2016). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident altercations in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 4.7.16 at the 20th Annual Education Conference, **CT Alzheimer's Association**, Cromwell, CT.

Caspi, E. (2015). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Presentation delivered on 4.1.15 at the 19th Annual Education Conference, **CT Alzheimer's Association**, Cromwell, CT. Level: Advanced professional.

Caspi, E. (2014). Resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Talk delivered on 8.21.14 at VA GEC (Geriatric & Extended Care) Steering Committee, **VA Central Office**, Washington, D.C.

Caspi, E. (2014). Preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Workshop delivered on 5.21.14 at the Annual National Institute for Care of Elderly (NICE) Knowledge Exchange, Toronto, Canada.

Caspi, E. (2014). Preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Talk delivered on 7.30.14 during the Side Event: The right of older people to holistic palliative care, adequate pain management and dementia care and support. The 5th Session of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing. **United Nations**, New York, NY.



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Caspi, E. & Bonifas, R.P. (2014). Preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Workshop delivered on 3.13.14 at the American Society on Aging annual conference, San Diego, CA.

Caspi, E. (2009). Aggressive behaviors between residents with memory loss: An in-depth examination. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, November 18-22, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations

Caspi, E. (2017). Summary of 73 fatal resident-to-resident incidents in dementia in long-term care homes: General preliminary results. Presentation delivered on 6.9.17 at the **Ministry of Health of B.C.**, Victoria, Canada.

Caspi, E. (2017). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and Harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Two-hour presentation delivered on 3.17.17 at **Minnesota Nursing Homes Social Workers Association**, Minneapolis, MN.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for dignity: Prevention of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. **Webinar** delivered on 5.12.16 at BarinXchange, Toronto, Canada. Invited by Mary E. Schulz, Director, Information, Support Services and Education, Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

Caspi, E. (2016). Deaths as a result of resident-to-resident altercations in dementia in long-term care homes: A need for research, policy, and prevention. Presentation delivered on 4.21.2016 to the Ethical Committee of The Care Navigator, Lakewood, Colorado.

Caspi E. (2016). Fighting for Dignity: Prevention of resident-to-resident negative interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 4.13.16 at Stratis Health (Bloomington, MN) for the **National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative**. This is a Great 8+ presentation organized by Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network and the Medicare QIO-QINs serving **18 states**. Over 250 people attended the webinar.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for Dignity: Prevention of resident-to-resident negative interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 3.11.16 at the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, St. Paul, MN.

Caspi, E. (2016). Fighting for Dignity: Prevention of resident-to-resident negative interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Presentation delivered on 2.2.2016 at the Minneapolis VA Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center Seminar Series.



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Caspi, E. (2015). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Presentation delivered on 2.26.2015 to VA Community Living Centers' (formerly called VA nursing homes) psychologists and psychiatrists. **Mental Health Services, VA Central Office.**

Caspi, E. (2014). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Talk delivered on 11.14.14 as part of Social Connectedness Seminar Series at University of Rochester, NY.

Caspi, E. (2014). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Talk delivered on 11.12.14 to VA Canandaigua Community Living Center's medical directors and nursing directors. Canandaigua, NY.

Caspi, E. (2014). Understanding and preventing resident-to-resident aggression in dementia. Talk delivered on 11.12.14 to VA Canandaigua Community Living Center's care staff and clinicians. Canandaigua, NY.

Caspi, E. (2014). Aggressive behaviors between veteran residents with dementia: Overview of planned study in VA long-term care home. Talk delivered on 4.22.14 at Long Term Services and Supports, Center for Innovation, Providence VA Medical Center.

Media Coverage

Caspi, E. (2016). Resident-to-Resident Fatal Incidents in Dementia in Long-Term Care Homes. Interview held on 12.20.16 at **Coroner Talk™** Host: Darren Dake, Death Investigation Training Academy. To access the podcast, go to: <http://coronertalk.com/fatal-resident-resident-incidents>

DVD (2017)

Fighting for Dignity: Prevention of Distressing and Harmful Resident-to-Resident Interactions in Dementia in Long-Term Care Homes. For more information and to purchase a copy of the DVD, go to: http://dementiabeaviorconsulting.com/?page_id=559

Archival Blog. The International Center for Prevention of Distressful and Harmful Resident-to-Resident Interactions in Dementia in Long-Term Care Homes

Launched in April 2012. The blog aims to raise awareness to and provide resources for prevention of the public health problem of distressing and harmful resident-to-resident interactions in dementia in long-term care homes. Visitors are invited to ask questions and/or share resources. To access the over 1,750 free resources posted on the blog, go to: <http://eiloncaspiabbr.tumblr.com>



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Documentary Film

I am collaborating with my colleagues Judy Berry, president, Dementia Specialist Consulting and Julius Keya, director, Brilliant Image Productions, on the first documentary film on injurious and fatal resident-to-resident incidents in dementia in long-term care homes. We recently traveled to South Carolina to interview (video recorded) the wife of an elder resident with Alzheimer's disease who died a week after he was attacked by another resident with dementia after he entered his bedroom and lied in his bed. We plan on interviewing other family members of residents who were injured or died due to these incidents for a full-length documentary film.

Assistive Technology

I am collaborating with Steve Orfield (Orfield Labs, Inc) in Minneapolis on development of an assistive technology that aims to generate a signal in real time when a resident is engaged in a physical altercation with another resident. Half of U.S. nursing homes are understaffed and at least a quarter are dangerously understaffed (as was recently shown in a review of dozens of research studies conducted by Harrington et al. 2016). Many assisted living residences (the fastest growing residential care option for elders in the U.S. with rapid growth in the number of care homes dedicated specifically for people with dementia) are also understaffed and I don't see staffing levels improving in Minnesota and across the country any time soon. Assisting understaffed and overworked care staff members in identifying these incidents before they escalate and cause injury and death to target residents using an assistive technology is urgently needed. If we are successful in developing an effective assistive technology, it could help prevent injuries and deaths of vulnerable and frail elders with dementia. If we are successful in developing an effective assistive technology, it could help prevent injuries and deaths of vulnerable and frail elders with dementia.