

Let's Talk About Design and Dementia

Online Fireside Chat October 22, 2012

Questions and Resources

The following questions were received in response to our online fireside chat based on design and dementia recommendations. Please note the resources and comments are suggestions only. The Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange will continue to research these topics of interest and materials/ links will be available through our [resource centre](#). Please check our [design page](#) for updates.

Q: Do you have any policies on unit design, activation program designs for dementia, smoking policy?

Resources (click to access link):

Smoking policies

[CAMH Smoke Free Long-Term care Homes Project](#)

[Canadian Bar Association position paper](#)

[Ministry of Health and Long Term Care documents.](#)

Q: How do you suggest adapting this work to acute care settings? The challenge we always face is trying to promote this as a possible alternative to restraint for our wandering patients.

Resources (click to access link):

[Alzheimer's Association: Best Practices for wandering in Acute Care](#)

Q: Any recommendation on the floors and/or carpet designs to facilitate positive mood affect and for those residents who will have social inappropriate behaviours, such as voiding and bowel movement every where?

Resources (click to access link):

Specific suggestions will be made in our Wayfinding recommendation regarding floor plans and washroom accessibility.

[Toronto Rehab Research \(Falls Lab- new type of flooring\)](#)

Q: What about a family member who'd like to install cameras or other devices to monitor their family member but family member doesn't agree?

Ethics and right to privacy are at stake if person with dementia does not agree with this.

Resources (click to access link):

[Toronto Rehab Research \(Assistive Technology\)](#)

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Q: Want to know about impact of staff attitude (the social environment) on client behaviours on a dementia unit.

Resources (click to access link):

[I'm Still Here Teaching-Learning Guide -Murray Alzheimer Education Program \(MAREP\)](#)

[Alzheimer's Australia- The built environment \(page 10\)](#)

[March of Dimes Mediation Services](#)

Q: What are some of the most successful decorating techniques used by homes to help engage residents and allow them to participate in self leisure opportunities?

[Montessori Methods](#)

[Enhancing Ability in Dementia Care- \(MAREP\)](#)

[Principles for meaningful engagement](#)

*Most require facilitation of some kind

Other Helpful Resources (click to access link)

Stay tuned for our recommendation on Wayfinding in the New Year!

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Here you can view resources and best practice guidelines for long-term care.

[University of Stirling Design and Technology](#)

[Alzheimer's Australia- Design project](#)

[The Guest House Respite Care –Ottawa](#)