

Community Pharmacy Support for Care Partners of People Living with Dementia: A Scoping Review of Support Strategies, Influencing Factors, and Outcomes



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Background

Community pharmacists are well positioned to support dementia care partners (CPs).¹ However, evidence has not been comprehensively synthesized.

Aims

To map the evidence on community pharmacy-based supports for dementia CPs, including factors influencing their provision and use and associated outcomes.

Methods

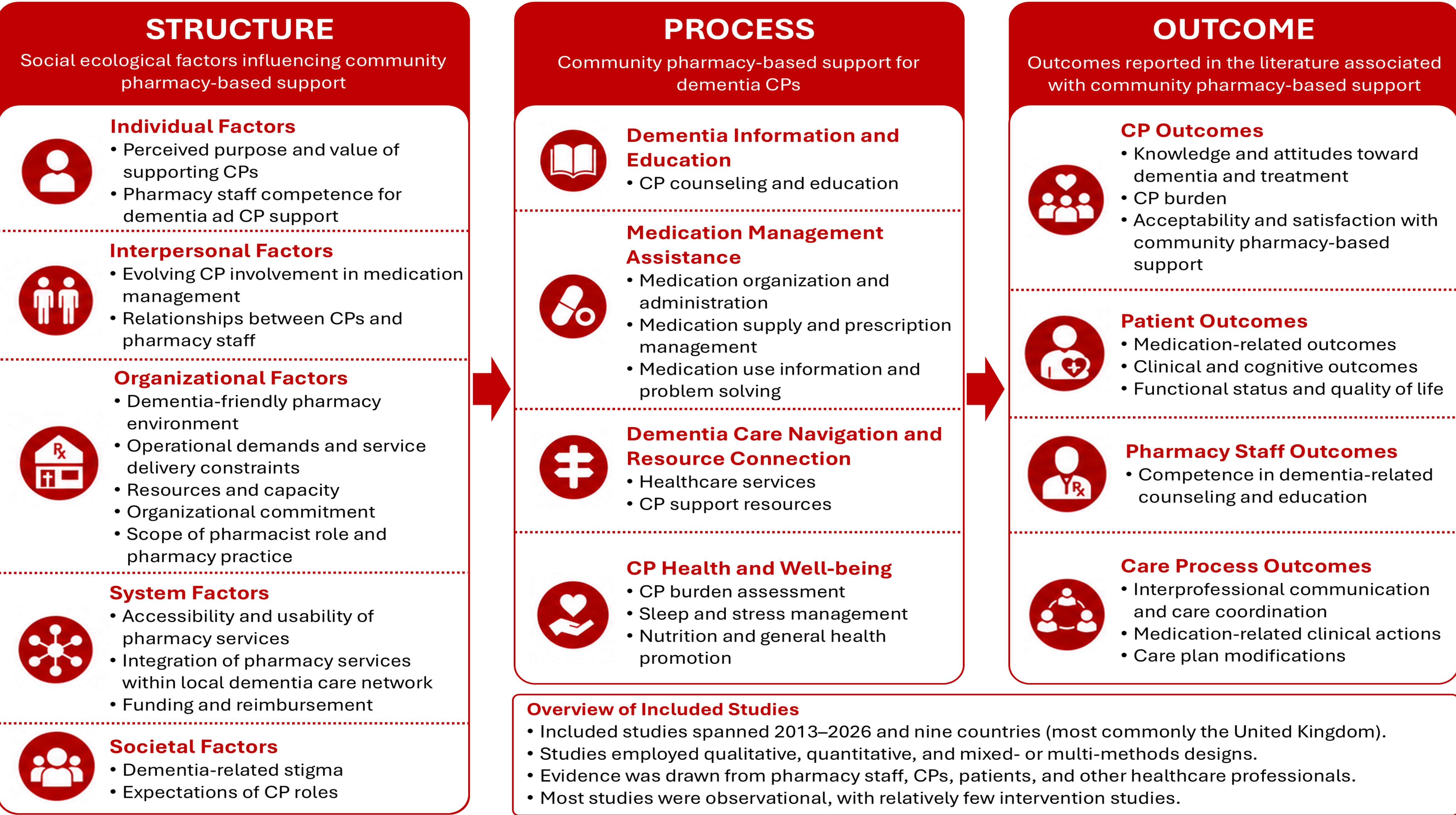
- A scoping review was conducted following the Arksey & O'Malley framework and PRISMA-ScR guidelines.^{2,3}
- English-language, full-text studies describing or evaluating community pharmacy-based support for dementia CPs were included.
- Five databases (PubMed, CINAHL, PsycINFO, SocINDEX, and Cochrane Library) and citation searching were used to identify eligible studies.
- Study screening and data synthesis were independently conducted by two reviewers, with disagreement resolved by a third reviewer.
- Qualitative content analysis guided by the Social Ecological Model and Donabedian's structure–process–outcome framework⁴⁻⁶ was used to synthesize the data.

Study Selection

- A total of 854 records were identified, with 18 studies included in the final synthesis. Scan the QR code for the complete PRISMA flow diagram.

Results

Evidence-Informed Donabedian Framework for Community Pharmacy-Based Support for Dementia CPs



Additional Resources

References



PRISMA Diagram



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Take Home Messages

Beyond Medication

Community pharmacy support extends beyond medication-related services to address broader CP needs.

Multilevel influences

Support provision and utilization are influenced by factors across multiple levels.

Evidence Gaps

Evidence on outcomes remains limited relative to structure- and process-related evidence.

Practice Implications

This framework can inform the development, implementation, and evaluation of community pharmacy-based support for dementia CPs.