

A Proactive, Person-centered Home Ongoing Assessment Framework To Support Dementia-forward Care

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A structured, theme-based home assessment framework can help non-clinically trained care managers identify evolving cognitive, emotional, physical, and environmental needs over time. By embedding brief, person-centered observations into routine visits, this model supports earlier risk detection, care plan alignment, caregiver coaching, and more proactive dementia-forward care.

INTRODUCTION	METHODS	RESULTS	CONCLUSIONS	REFERENCES
• Home-based dementia care requires ongoing monitoring as cognitive, emotional, physical, and environmental needs evolve over time. • Single-point assessments and episodic quality checks may miss subtle changes that precede falls, changes in condition, caregiver strain, or care plan misalignment. • This project describes a scalable, person-centered home assessment framework designed to support dementia-forward care between formal reassessments.	• Developed a structured ongoing assessment program delivered through brief, routine in-home visits by care managers over the course of a year. • Monthly themes focused on key person-centered care domains, including identity, routines, mobility, sensory change, mood, engagement, nutrition, hydration, sleep, medication safety, environment, and evolving care needs. • Each visit integrated guided observation, person-centered conversation, and care plan alignment within existing home care workflows.	• The theme-based structure supported more consistent identification of emerging cognitive, mood, sensory, mobility, environmental, and caregiver-client interaction risks. • Visit findings informed timely care plan updates, proactive schedule adjustments, and targeted caregiver coaching. • Care managers reported greater confidence conducting meaningful check-ins and greater clarity tracking changes over time.	• Ongoing, theme-based home assessment offers a practical approach to supporting continuity and quality in dementia-forward home care. • Structured monthly observations may help identify evolving needs incrementally, before concerns escalate into crises or adverse events. • Scalable non-clinical frameworks may strengthen early risk detection, caregiver coaching, care plan alignment, and person-centered support over time.	Fazio, S., Pace, D., Flinner, J., & Kallmyer, B. (2018). The fundamentals of person-centered care for individuals with dementia. <i>The gerontologist</i>, 58(suppl_1), S10-S19. Perneckzy, R., Wagenpfeil, S., Komossa, K., Grimmer, T., Diehl, J., & Kurz, A. (2006). Mapping scores onto stages: mini-mental state examination and clinical dementia rating. <i>The American journal of geriatric psychiatry</i>, 14(2), 139-144. CONTACT shadi@thekey.com www.thekey.com  ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AAIC>26