



RELIABILITY AND VALIDITY TESTING OF PERCEIVED COMMUNITY DEMENTIA FRIENDLINESS SCALE (PUBLIC VERSION)

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Objectives

With the rapid increase in the dementia population, medical and care costs have also increased year by year, causing international organizations to call for The country should treat dementia as a national priority health issue, whether it is for the public or professional caregivers. The staff has insufficient knowledge about the care of dementia, and there are few studies on the public's knowledge of the disease, There is no public version of the Community Dementia-Friendly Feeling Scale that is applicable to Taiwan's native culture.

Based on the established indicators of dementia-friendly communities, to develop "community dementia-friendly degree perception Table people version" and verify the reliability and validity.

Methods

A convenience sample consisting of 200 community members from two districts of Taipei was collected. The scale including 42 items measuring the degree of perceived dementia friendliness of the community from the perspective of community members.

Results

PCDF-GP was found to have a good reliability with Cronbach's alpha coefficient being .974 . In terms of validity, exploratory factor analysis of PCDF-GP extracted six factors including "friendly dementia services (10 items), friendly community members and environment (15 items), "friendly community"(5 items), "friendly shops and organizations" (5 items), "friendly hospital" (4 items) and "friendly community interactions" (3 items). These six factors can explain 70.72% of the variance and support the original construct of the measure.

Conclusion

This scale has preliminary reliability and validity and can provide dementia-friendly community related services and policy development and evaluation The reference. In the future, it is still recommended to increase the number of cases received or based on knowledge, attitude and behavior theory.

