



## **Poster # 31**

**Title of poster:** Nursing Personal Attitudes in Residential Care Settings: a Review of the Literature

### **Abstract**

**Rational:** Nursing staff provide the majority of direct care for institutionalised older adults with dementia and thus have the biggest impact on their quality of life. Understanding how nursing staff's attitudes and perceptions of their residents is crucial because it directly affects quality of care delivered and the culture of care in residential care homes. **Objective:** This paper presents a systemic review of nursing staff perception and attitudes towards residents in residential care settings. The aim of this poster is to describe where the gaps in our knowledge lie and what future research needs to be conducted to further our understanding of attitudes of nursing staff in residential care settings. **Method:** Data Sources included Ageline, Medline, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, Web of Science, PsychINFO, PubMed and active researchers in this area from 1990 to present. Empirical studies will be included that explored perspectives or attitudes held by nursing staff of residents in long-term residential care settings. **Conclusion:** Preliminary findings suggest that social and cultural aspects of teamwork and staff morale have strong influences on perception of residents. Attempts to improve staff attitudes should focus on creating organizational cultures that promote high morale and collaboration of all members of the nursing staff.

