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Dementia Simulation Toolkit

Scenario: Communication in Care

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Communication Difficulties

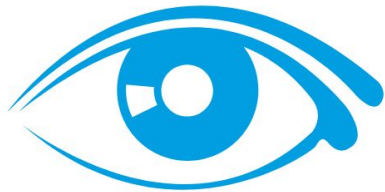
Losing the ability to communicate can be one of the most frustrating and difficult problems for people with dementia, their families and their carers.

People with dementia may experience a gradual lessening of their ability to communicate, both in language and speech.



Age-related changes to our sensory systems, e.g., vision loss and/or hearing impairment, can impact people with dementia and their ability to communicate clearly with others.

These changes are particularly important to consider in clinical practice.



Simulation Activity: Communication



Instructions



Headphones



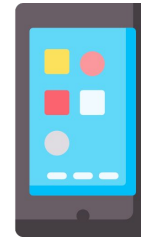
Notepad & pen



Laptop



10 - 15 minutes



Phone

- The person with dementia
- The healthcare professional
- The informal carer (optional)
- Observer(s) to take notes (optional)

Small Group reflection



Discuss your thoughts on this activity.

Reflective Questions

How did it feel to try and communicate?

What strategies did you use to communicate?

Was any behaviour misinterpreted?

What would have made communication easier?

How did your communication partner get your attention?

What behaviours were most helpful in the healthcare professional?





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