Understanding Infection in People with Dementia: Incidence, Impact and Prevention.

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Research Abstract

People with dementia are more likely to be admitted to hospital with infections, after which they

often deteriorate. Infection may be an important target for public health interventions as infections are potentially preventable. I will analyse two large datasets that collect records from GPs, mental health services, and hospital admissions. This will allow me to establish what the added risk of infection is, which infections and which patients are at highest risk, and whether infections are associated with worse health outcomes, in people with dementia. Using these outputs, I will develop an intervention to reduce infection among people with dementia.

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