

Title of Study: The Lived Experiences of Female Informal Caregivers For Individuals with Early-Onset Dementia

Location: Canada-wide

Study Description:

The goal my graduate research study is to provide in-depth information about the lived experiences of female caregivers caring for individuals with early-onset dementia (EOD), by specifically examining the effects of caregiving on caregivers, and the barriers to the provision of care.

Implications for this research include:

- ~ Recognizing the substantial effects caregiving for individuals with EOD can have on female informal caregivers
- ~ Providing the foundation to guide the development of specific resources to sustain the health and well-being of this at-risk population.

The findings from this study will be collated into various research papers, presentations, and posters to help give this marginalized group of caregivers a voice and aid in the development of specific resources for these extraordinary female caregivers.

What Will Happen During the Study?

Participation includes completion of a background questionnaire (10-15 minutes), a one-on-one semi-structured online (zoom) or phone interview (60 to 90 minutes), a 30-60 minute follow up interview via zoom or email and reviewing the transcribed interview in the form of a member check in order to vet the information provided. Interviews will be conducted approximately two months apart to help capture the ebbs and flows associated with caregiving.

Eligibility: Who Can Participate?

The study is open to individuals who are female informal caregivers.

Recruitment Start Date: October 7, 2021

Recruitment End Date: March 31, 2022

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