

# Ethical Issues in Dementia Care

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Most people with dementia suffer from Alzheimer's Disease. The number of patients with Alzheimer's Disease is projected to rise worldwide from 37 million now to 70 million by 2030. Medical, nursing, psychological, social and familial problems are directly connected to the characteristics of dementia and the number of patients. Dementia has far reaching implications for patients, formal and informal caregivers, and society as a whole. In this lecture series we will pay attention to a number of ethical issues in dementia care which are related to the medical, nursing, psychological, social, and familial dimensions of dementia care.

**Early stages of dementia**, Tuesday February 5, 2013

- **Prof. Marcel Olde Rikkert** MD, PhD (RUNMC): On the need of early diagnosis
- **NN**: Patient and family perspective

**Advanced dementia care**, Tuesday February 12, 2013

- **Prof. Raymond Koopmans** MD, PhD (RUNMC): Palliative care in people with severe dementia
- **Prof. Myrra Vernooij-Dassen** PhD (RUNMC): Psychosocial interventions and care for carers

**A home for patients with dementia**, Tuesday February 19, 2013

- **Wim Dekkers** MD, PhD (RUNMC): Towards a home-led perspective on dementia care
- **Hilde Verbeek** PhD (UM): The ideal of small-scale housing for patients with dementia

**Research with patients with dementia**, Tuesday March 5, 2013

- **Ron Berghmans** PhD (UM): Ethical aspects of research with persons with dementia
- **Prof. Marcel Olde Rikkert** MD, PhD (RUNMC): Drug Controversies in Alzheimer's disease: one drug hits all is fiction, poly-pill a no brainer?

**End of life decisions in dementia care**, Tuesday March 12, 2013

- **Dorothea Touwen** PhD (LUMC): Euthanasia and dementia – the dilemma between former wishes and the interpretation of suffering

The lectures are especially directed to those who are involved in dementia care such as geriatricians, elderly care physicians, nurses, psychologists, pastoral workers.

Location: Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, the Netherlands.

Time: 16.30-18:30 hr.

Language: English.

Price: Admission is free, but please register by sending an e-mail to: [s.naber@iq.umcn.nl](mailto:s.naber@iq.umcn.nl)

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