



Transitional Care for Older Incarcerated Adults



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Project Overview

The objective of the pilot study is to develop and refine a standardized discharge planning process for incarcerated older adults who have cognitive and/or functional impairment.





Aims

◆ Goal 1

- Use qualitative interviews to identify barriers to implement a discharge planning tool for incarcerated older adults

◆ Goal 2

- Use the qualitative Delphi/RAND method as a process to inform the development of a standardized discharge planning tool



Methods

✓ Interview ~30

✓ Qualitatively code interview transcripts

- Discharge Planning
 - a. Medical
 - b. Insurance
- Continuity
- Aging in the System
- Advocacy
- Barriers
 - c. COVID
 - d. Stigma
 - e. Financial
- Healthcare in the system
 - f. Geriatric

✓ Detect a pattern of different values per subcategory and reach a conclusion





Example of Coding Continuity.

	Code	Definition/when to use	When NOT to use	Examples	Possible Sub codes
2	Continuity	Anything pertaining to communication inside and outside of the system or lack <u>there of</u>		Warm handoffs Lack of communication Meet inside vs outside Low turnout Reentry starts after being arrested	Community/Family

Interview Sample

Analyze the interview transcript and find a segment that represented the code being searched for.

Code

List the code that corresponds to the transcript

Linguistics Justification

Paste part of the code definition that corresponds to the context of the interview.

<p><u>That</u>, although at the time I was in prison, which was from 2006 until 2012, the things that they say you're supposed to get are also driven by the role of the warden and what their budgets are. So instead of getting three to six months of medication, for example, if you got three months you were lucky, but most of the times you got 30 days or even a week. So it just really is a catch if catch can.</p>	<p>Continuity</p>	<p>Anything pertaining to communication inside and outside of the system or lack there of</p>
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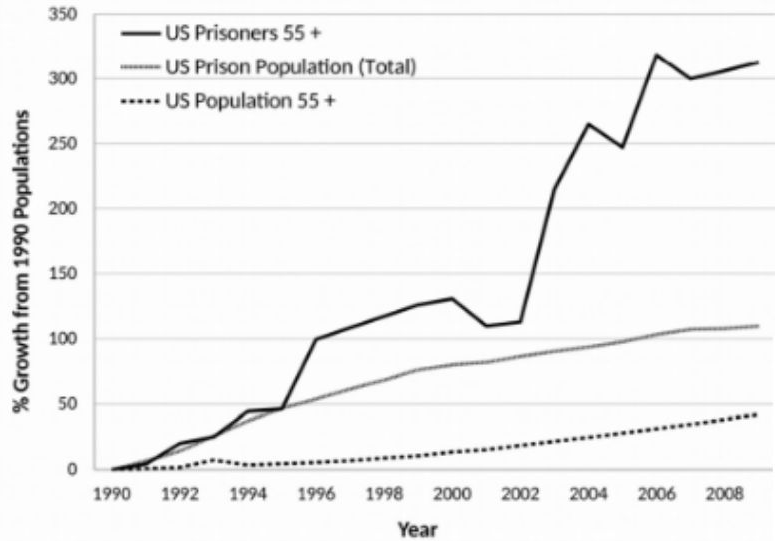
Findings

There have been no conclusive findings as the project is still ongoing.



Significance of Project

- To better understand the experience of incarceration
- To learn about the experience transitioning out of incarceration, especially in regards to healthcare access
- To create an intervention for a population that is overlooked in both society and the healthcare system



- By 2030, prisons will have over 400,00 incarcerated adults over 55
- 1/3rd of the prison population

- Similar geriatric conditions in an incarcerated 59-year-old were found in the unincarcerated 75 year old

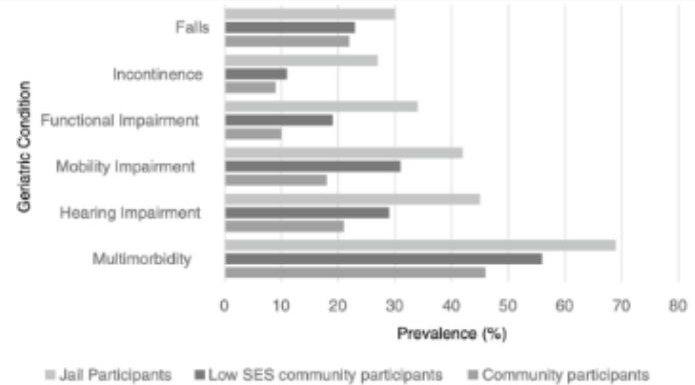


Fig. 1 Geriatric conditions in jail cohort vs. HRS population vs lowest net worth quintile HRS population. Older jail-based participants have higher rate of each of six geriatric conditions when compared to age-adjusted community-dwelling populations of older adults in the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) overall and to the subpopulation in the HRS sample in the lowest net worth quintile (p -value for all comparisons < 0.001). Falls was defined as a fall within the last 2 years (HRS) or in the last 3 months (jail-based population); incontinence defined as a response of "yes" to "have you lost any amount of urine beyond your control?" in the last 2 years (HRS) or the last 3 months (jail-based population); Functional impairment was defined as difficulty in one or more of the five Activities of Daily Living; mobility impairment defined as difficulty walking several blocks; hearing impairment defined as a response of "poor" or "fair" to "is your hearing excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?"; multimorbidity defined as two or more medical conditions (hypertension, diabetes, cancer, lung disease, heart disease, stroke, arthritis), including HIV and Hepatitis C for jail inmates



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Age-related Cognitive Impairment
Workshop for Legal Teams



Additional Project:



Workshop Outline

- Background
 - Cognitive Impairments & Other Disadvantages
- Introduce Elderly relation to the Incarceration System
 - Treatment of the elderly in the incarceration system
- Define Age-related Cognitive Impairments
- Medical Side: How Does Dementia Work
- Barriers to Legal Assistance
- How to Communicate with Cognitively Impaired Clients
- Introduce Screening Tools
- Who Qualifies for Medical Parole



Lessons Learned

- Study preparation
 - Collaborative work
 - Creating a survey
 - Steps to publishing a workshop
 - Incarceration Experiences
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