Unveiling the Complexities: Challenges in Managing Multimorbid Home Care Clients

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Fragmented care causes disruptions

We identified almost 40 different disruptions related to the care:
- Not having information if care has changed
- Not knowing what has changed in the care and for how long
- Not having access to the patient records to check information
- Not finding the correct information in a reasonable time or cannot contact the treatment prescriber in time

In this context, we refer to disruptions as managerial challenges which could have been avoided.
We aim to explore this topic nationally

Research questions of the study

1. In which interfaces between home care and other social and health care services and in which parts of service chains do disruptions occur?

2. How frequent and severe disruptions are in different interfaces?

3. What are the consequences of disruptions in the care of home care clients?

A quantitative survey is sent to home care professionals in four regions, representing ~20% of home care clients in Finland.
The expected results from the survey

We aim is to enhance understanding of disruptions in care and service chains

- Quantified descriptive results on
  i. information sharing, ii. care coordination, iii. time spent due to disruptions, iv. disruption interfaces and v. the severity of disruptions within these interfaces

- Analyze potential differences among selected areas and professions to gain insights into care-related disruptions for multimorbid clients

- Provide viable suggestions for improving care and service chain management for multimorbid patients across multiple interfaces
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