

Stories of Dignity within Healthcare: Research, narratives and theories

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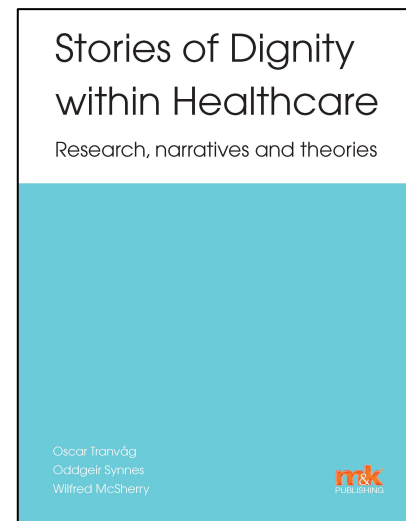
In this helpful and thought-provoking book, the contributors offer an overview of current
research on dignity-preserving care, highlighting practical and ethical considerations in various
healthcare settings.

Dignity is fundamental to every single person's life and history; and every interaction with
another human being can potentially influence a person's sense of identity and self-esteem. In
recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the importance of 'dignity in care'. When
healthcare organisations and individuals prioritise dignity, service users, carers and staff are
treated with respect, compassion and understanding, and safe, good-quality healthcare services
are delivered. In contrast, when dignity and respect are neglected or violated, people
experience poor-quality care and may even suffer neglect and abuse. For all these reasons, it is
clearly vital that all healthcare workers have a thorough understanding of dignity and how to
place it at the centre of all their activities.

This book will support students of nursing and allied healthcare professions, as well as
healthcare professionals working in diverse practice settings, to reflect upon and enhance the
quality of their care.

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