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Diagnosis of the Home Care for Persons with Alzheimer in Portugal: Current Situation and Perspectives

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The home care for patients with Alzheimer's disease is an increasing clinical and social practice in the field of dementia and ageing. The goal of this study is to make a diagnosis of the situation in Portugal. The results of an online survey about this subject are presented, showing that in Portugal there are no sufficient and specialized answers, in what concerns assisted active living methodologies performed by interdisciplinary teams. From this evidence it is discussed how to implement efficient practices in order to offer care options for patients and caregivers.

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