

Dignity in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Main Study Questions

What does “dignity” mean to people with substance use disorder and how do they experience dignity in their encounters with home-based nursing staff?

Main Findings

Meaning of Dignity

- The material dimension (money, standards of living, etc.),
- The social dimension (respect of others)
- The inner experience

Factors That Enhance Dignity

- Respect and acknowledgment
- Caring
- Understanding and consistent relations

Factors That Inhibit Dignity

- Stigma
- Prejudice
- Inconsistent relations
- Lack of confirmation
- Unknowledgeable staff
- Negative staff attitudes