Meanings, structures and essences of lived experiences of receiving care for people recently being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (finalization: 2014)

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RATIONALE
The experiences of people recently being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) have been studied relatively frequently from a psychological as well as a sociological point of view. Compared to this, reports using a philosophical approach for this subject are sparse, not to mention reports that choose ethics of care as a tool for designing and conducting analysis.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS
• Initial analysis of the interview transcripts.

AIM OF THE STUDY
This PhD study aims to get a deeper understanding of the nature of the meaning of lived experiences of receiving care for people (N=10) recently (<2 years) being diagnosed with MS and develops from this understanding an initial set of well-developed concepts that guides a precise and practically relevant ethical reflection on the situation of people living in this condition.

METHODS
The research design moves from lower-level analysis to higher-level theorizing. As research-strategy, Grounded Theory has been chosen. For detailed exploration of the data, quantitative analysis and Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) will be used. To access meanings, structures and essences of lived experiences 10 semi-structured interviews were conducted by three researchers at the homes of the MS patients. This will probably be followed by complementary observations in the hospital or at another relevant location, depending on the outcomes of the initial interview study. Atlas.ti, a CAQDAS program, is used to assist analysis.

REFERENCES