



Care and contested coherence a Dutch way of doing ethics of care

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- Tilburg University
- University of Humanistics
- Universities of Applied Sciences
- Foundation *Zorgethiek.nu*
- Foundation *Presentie*
- A broad variety of social organizations in diverse domains of care, most importantly:
 - hospital care & nursing
 - elderly care / dementia
 - youth care
 - psychiatry
 - physically & mentally disabled people
 - homeless & addicted people
 - vulnerable children & youngsters in disadvantaged neighborhoods,
 - teenage mothers
 - school drop-outs, etc.

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1. Dutch ethics of care: Amsterdam, Groningen, Tilburg / Utrecht each with its typical scope
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Dutch Ethics of Care

Universities and *Universities of Applied Sciences*



Different perspectives on ethics of care

Amsterdam	
FREE UNIVERSITY, Medical School	Research group profs. Guy Widdershoven & Tineke Abma (moral deliberation) and research group prof. Cees Hartogh (elderly care).
FREE UNIVERSITY, Theological Faculty	Prof. Hans Reinders (theological ethics and disability); emeritus prof. Herman Meininger (mental disability)
UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, Medical School	Prof. Dick Willems (medical ethics)

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Groningen	
RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN, Medical School	Prof. Marian Verkerk (family care)

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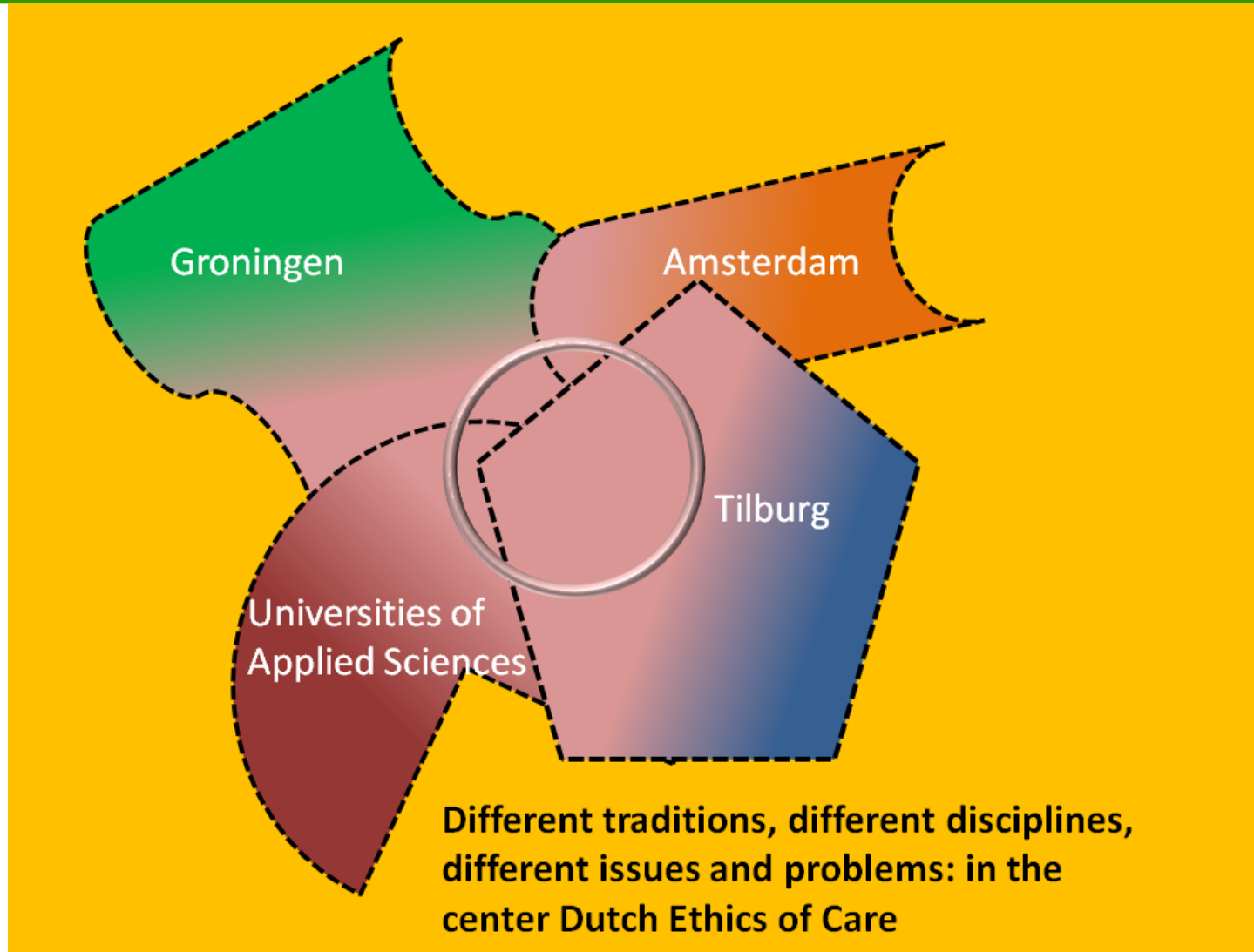
Tilburg	
TILBURG UNIVERSITY, School of Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research group <i>Care and contested coherence</i> (Vosman, Baart, Goossensen, Grypdonck, Leget and others);• Prof. Annelies van Heijst (images of care)
Utrecht	
UNIVERSITY OF HUMANISTICS, Humanities, Social sciences	CCC moves to University of Humanistics (completed in 2013 Sept.)



Different perspectives on ethics of care

Zwolle, Utrecht, Arnhem/Nijmegen	
	Universities of applied sciences (HU, Windesheim, HAN, etc.)

Overlap and differences



Our initial insights (Tilburg Research Group 2008)

Basic insights in 2008



Inaugural speeches UvT
Vosman and Baart

In 2008 we formulated several basic insights that gave direction to the development of the ethics of care in our research program.

In the next sheets these will be summarized in eight points.

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8 Empirical groundedness	To strengthen the ethical care normativity it should be as much empirically grounded as possible

Overview research projects
on the basis of 2008-program

2008-2012: picture of our research

Program *Loving care with the Elisabeth Hospital: the general hospital, institution, practice, systems* (Baart & Vosman, *poster Olthuis*)

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Lief ziekenhuis

campagne voor menslievende zorg 2009-2014

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Actueel

Doe ook mee!

Word donateur

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Menslievende zorg



Stelling

Menslievend zijn, kun je leren!

[Discussieer mee](#)



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Samen denken over zorg

Menslievende zorg

Een dokter die u behandelt en wil weten of u het nog redt met uw ziekte. Een fysiotherapeut die zich inleeft in hoe het is om geen kracht in uw handen te hebben. Een verpleegkundige die u medicijnen geeft en meteen vraagt hoe het nu echt met u gaat. Niet als patiënt, maar als mens. Dat is menslievende zorg.

Contact hebben

Menslievende zorg gaat over dokters, verpleegkundigen en andere zorgverleners die echt contact hebben met de patiënt. Ze willen weten hoe het nu met de patiënt is en wat de ziekte voor hem of haar betekent.

Aandacht

Dat is hard nodig. In de Nederlandse gezondheidszorg ligt de nadruk te veel op techniek en efficiency. Mensen worden daarbij te vaak vergeten. Ze krijgen niet voldoende aandacht. Het St. Elisabeth Ziekenhuis pakt dat probleem als eerste op een nieuwe wijze in Nederland aan. Elisabeth Foundation helpt het ziekenhuis daarbij met de campagne Lief Ziekenhuis.

Universiteit

Samen met de Universiteit van Tilburg werkt het ziekenhuis vijf jaar lang aan Menslievende zorg. Kijk ook op de [website Zorgethiek.nu](#). Als het lukt, komt er een manier van werken waar ook andere Nederlandse ziekenhuizen mee aan de slag kunnen. Waarbij menslievendheid centraal staat. Een nieuwe manier van zorg verlenen.



Mensen zelfstandig en zelfredzaam houden, dat is de rol van een verpleegkundige



Lastige patiënten bestaan niet



Zeur maar, verwerk het maar, heb het er over



Een luisterend oor is het allerbelangrijkste



Begrip voor patiënten is essentieel

[meer](#)

Lief ziekenhuis, ...



'Ik moest haar bed opmaken'



'Ik voelde me aan mijn lot overgelaten'



'Ze hadden mij veel verdriet kunnen besparen'



'Ik heb de zuster een roos gegeven'



'Bij de EHBO ben je een nummer'

[meer](#)

2008-2012: picture of our research

Further (*not exhaustive*):

- Learning within the practices of care (*poster* Van Elst, Baart)
- Transition processes, muddling through and tinkering (*poster* Baart)
- Frailty and empowerment (Wilken, *poster* Van der Meiden)
- Quality systems (Baart, *poster & sheet* Goossensen)
- Mismatch (Baart, *poster* Goossensen)
- A care ethical view on human dignity (*sheets* Leget)
- Attentiveness (*sheets and poster* Klaver)
- Constant methodological reflection on and improvement of our qualitative research (*sheet* Grypdonck, Baart)
- *Etc. etc.* → *posters* Kolen, Boonen, Bontemps, De Ceuninck et al.

Major progress and worries (2008 – today)

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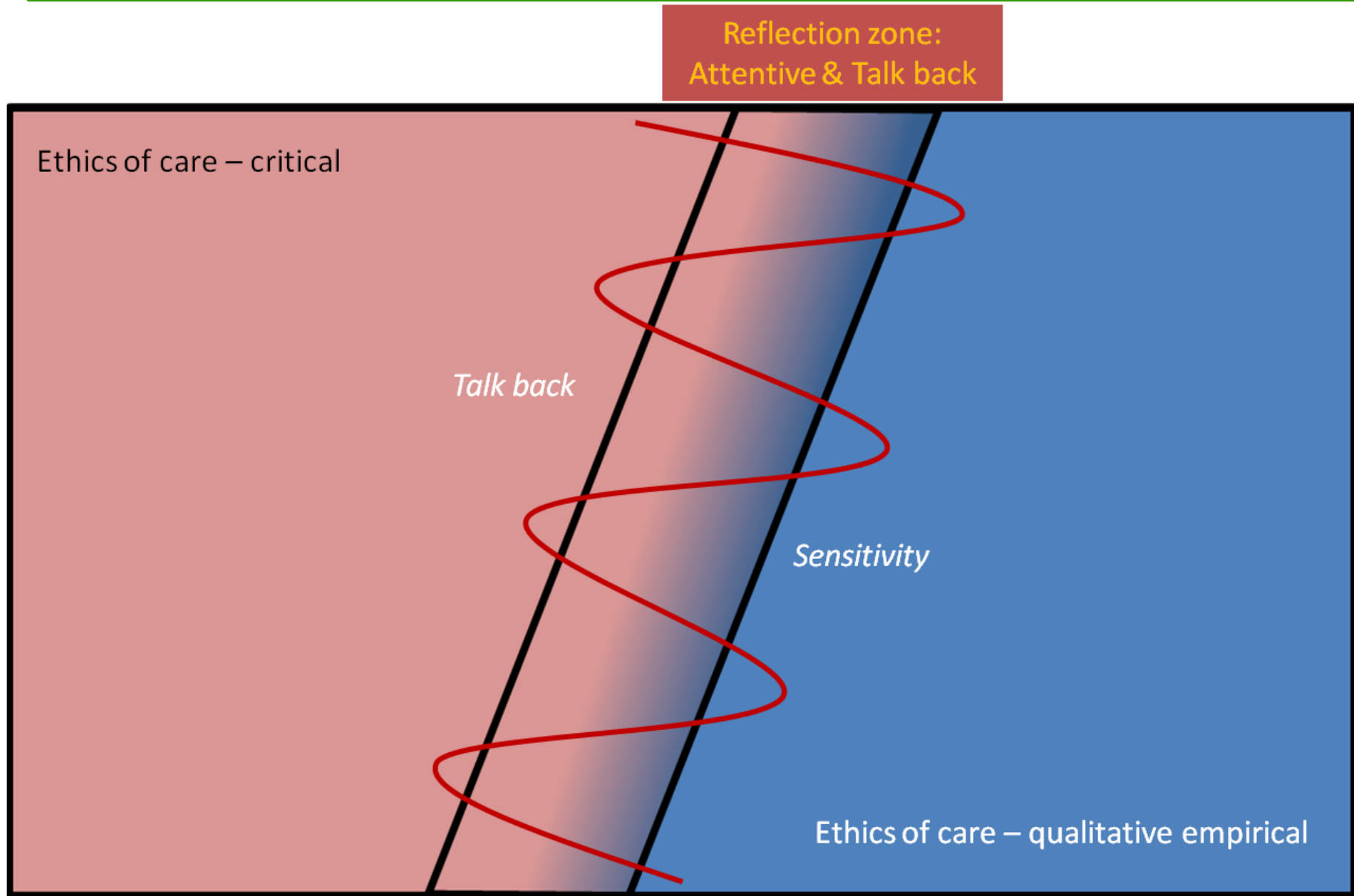
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7 Ideas exist in a particular context and unfold their meaning there → critique on abstracting normative theory

Theorizing and Practices

Methodological movement between critical conceptual, hermeneutic, phenomenological and qualitative empirical research



From the conceptual deep into the empirical and vice versa

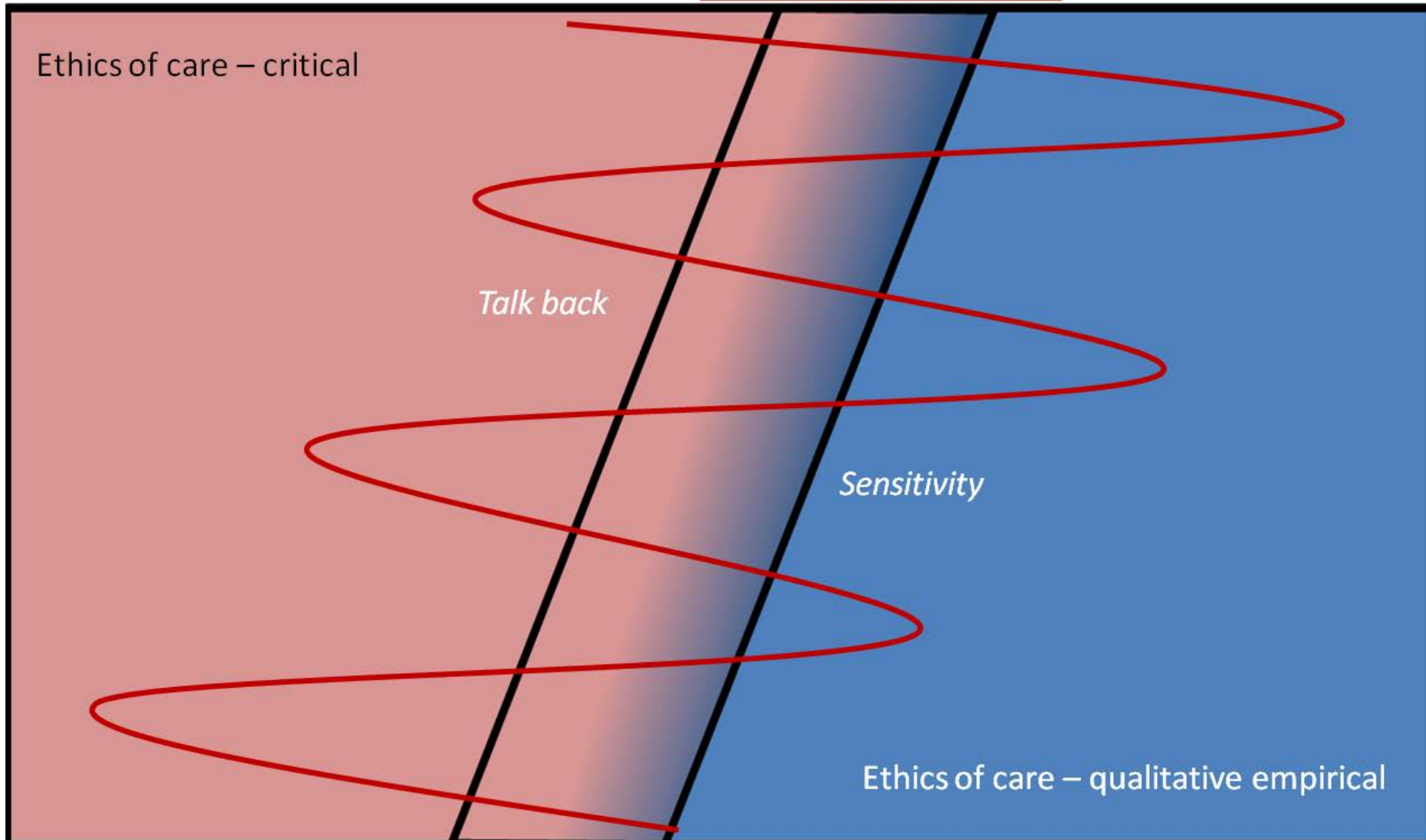
Reflection zone:
Epistemological Focus

Ethics of care – critical

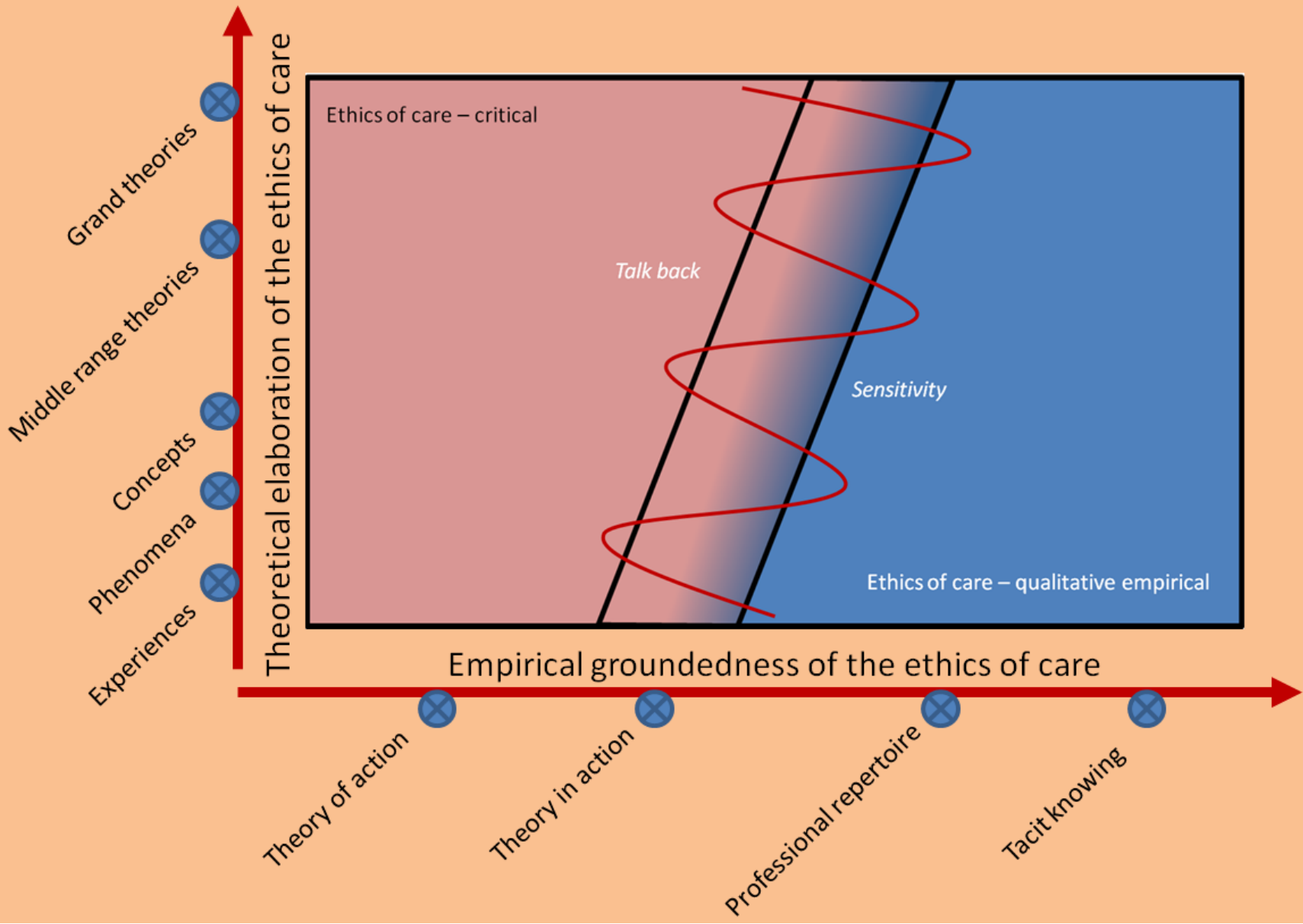
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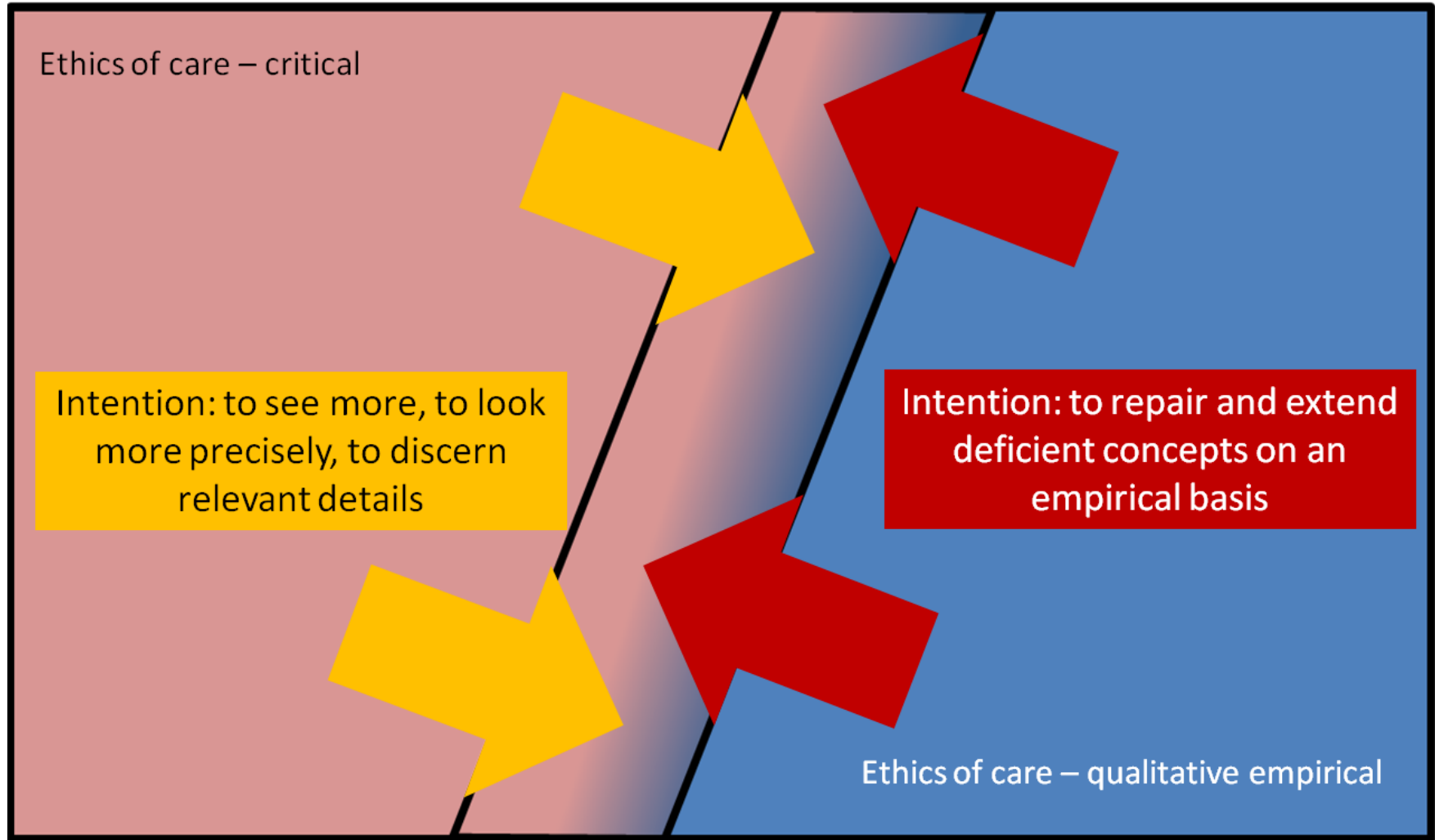
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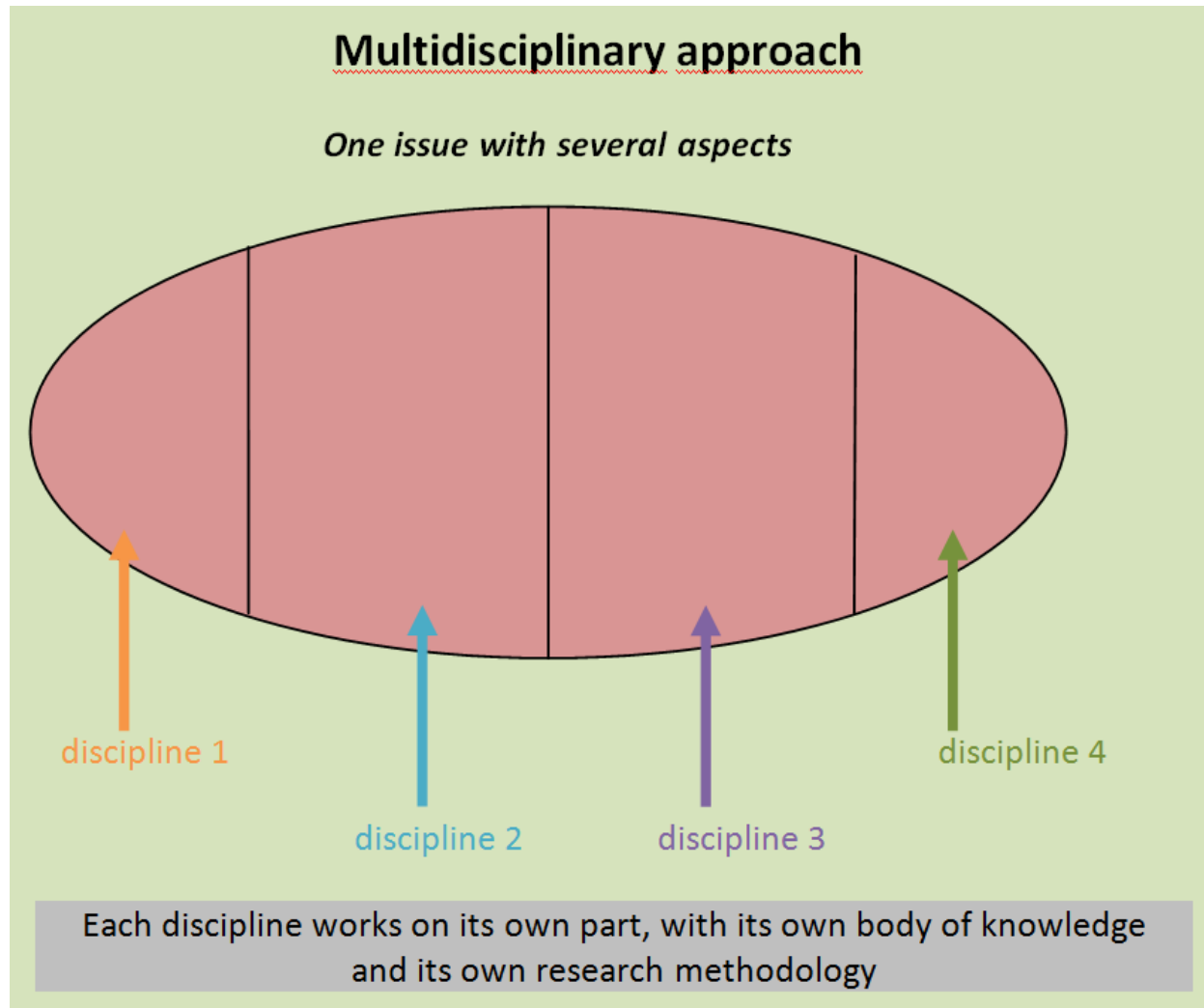


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Beyond empirical naivety and fact free reasoning

Cooperation of disciplines



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Interdisciplinary approach

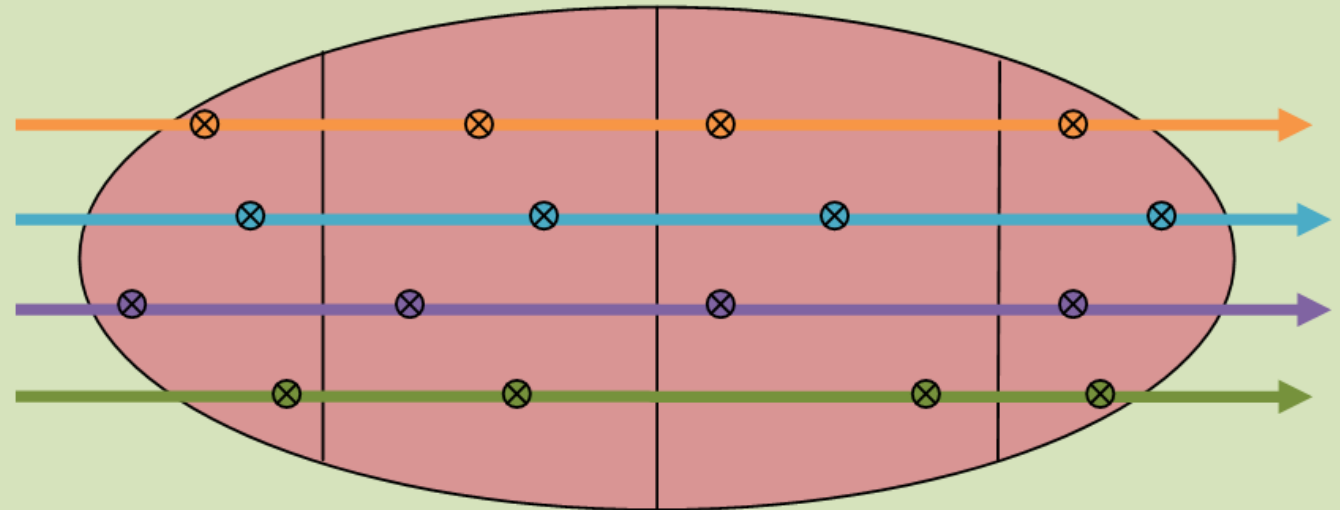
One issue with several aspects

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discipline 3

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Each discipline works on every aspect, with its own body of knowledge and its own research methodology

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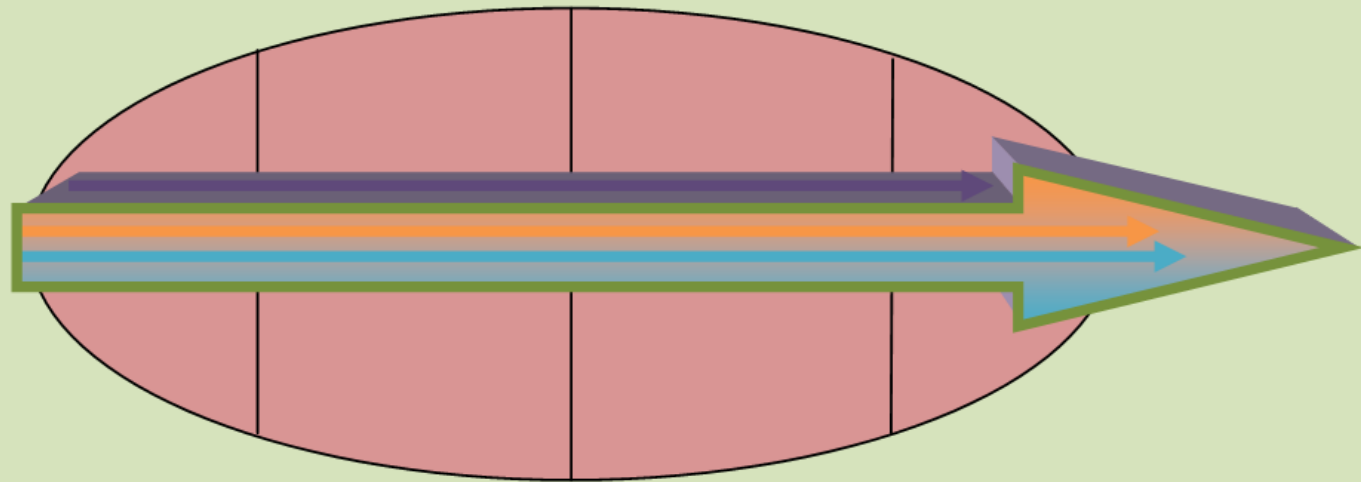
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Within the frame of one discipline other disciplines are 'absorbed' and adapted or recasted, both with their body of knowledge and their research methodology: analyzing according to that discipline implies automatically analyzing with the attuned other sources of knowing (→ see Klaartje Klaver on 'attentiveness')

Future international and cooperative research

European research on patient imaginaries

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Please, feel invited by our proposals and posters to cooperation and joint ventures!

Our colleague profs:

- Grypdonck
- Goossensen
- Leget

Grypdonck (em.): nursing and ethics of care



Emphasis in research

- Nursing and the theory of presence / ethics of care (with Baart)
- Research into the experiences of oncology patients (and their fellows)
- Phenomenological research into suffering, hope and 'letting go' – being there / presence
- Elaboration of the analytic instrument 'worries and responses' (with Baart)
- Innovation of qualitative research.

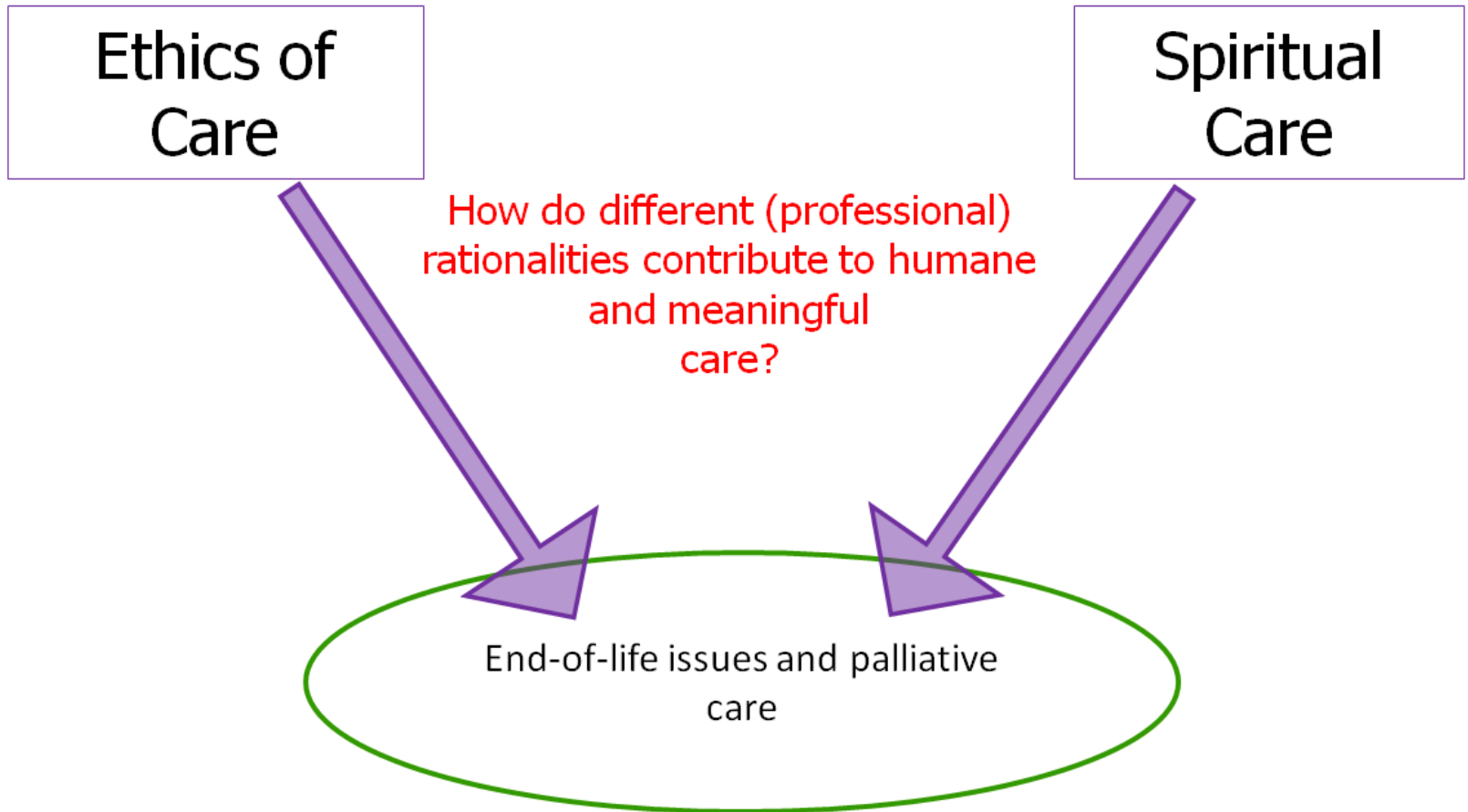


Anne Goossensen: Quality of care research from care ethical perspective



- Building conceptual bridges to main stream quality criteria and concepts in healthcare
- Developing measurements to assess quality of care from care ethical perspective (with Baart)
- Performing tests in care institutions and validation studies of the instruments
- Positioning of 'mismatch' as a central concept to illustrate shortcomings of mainstream quality operationalisation and measurements (with Baart)
- Performing qualitative studies to explain how and where mismatch appears in care situations
- Creating sense of urgency for innovation initiatives based on mismatch information, in order to create more sensible adaptation to patients and their proxies
- Explaining care parties what improvement means for individual workers, their managers, the culture and caresystem
- Enable implementation by a social movement approach

Carlo Leget: focus of research



Example: the concept of dignity

Notoriously vague
concept (Macklin BMJ:2003)

Much confusion

Political (rhetorical) use
in end of life discussions

But what does it mean?

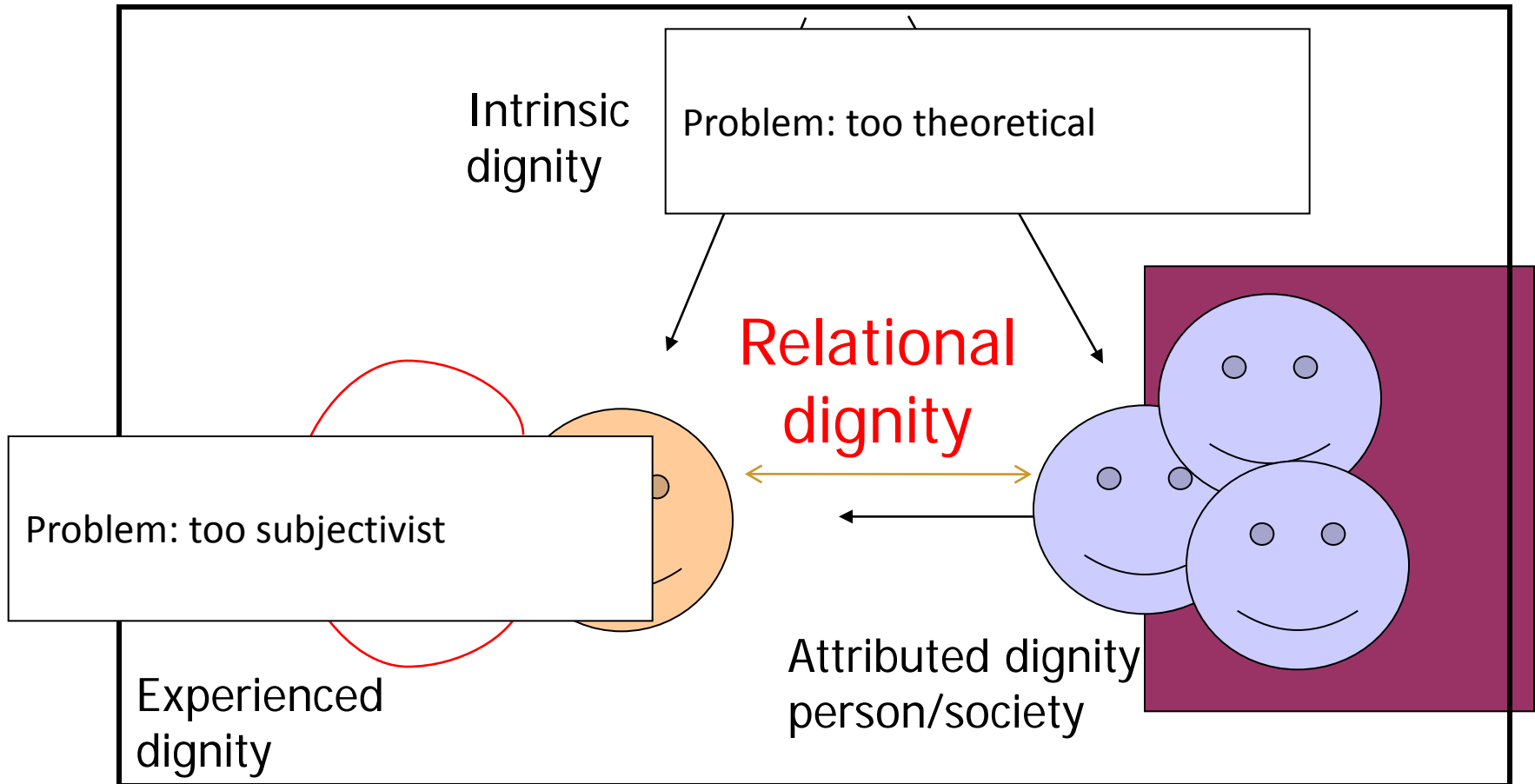


→ looking at the practices on which the use of the concept is based

Ethics of care: mosaic of insights

- Moral understandings are framed by social practices
- Particularity of practices is morally relevant
- Web of caring relationships as fundamental to human life
- Importance of emotion in ethical reflection
- Acceptance of vulnerability / mortality
- Sensitive to exclusion and power balance

Practices of relational dignity as the most fundamental



Example from our research

Attentiveness in hospital care

Klaartje Klaver MSc. PhD-student
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Andries Baart

Key question of this presentation

How is *attentiveness* conceptualized to make it researchable from an ethics of care perspective?

at·ten·tive  (ə-tĕn'tĭv)
adj.

1. Giving care or attention; watchful: *attentive to detail.*
2. Marked by or offering devoted and assiduous attention to the pleasure or comfort of others. See Synonyms at [thoughtful](#).
3. Expressing affectionate interest through close observation and gallant gestures: *He played the attentive suitor, complete with roses and bonbons.*

at·ten'tive·ly *adv.*

at·ten'tive·ness *n.*

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Overview presentation

1. My PhD project
2. Existing perspectives on attentiveness
3. The difficulty of using these perspectives
4. Towards a care ethical conceptualisation of attentiveness: *the theoretical points of departure*
5. Towards a care ethical conceptualisation of attentiveness: *an empirically grounded understanding*

1. My PhD project

1. My PhD project background

Research questions

- How does attentiveness appear in the hospital?
- How can we understand the (lived) experience of it?
- How is attentiveness related to (the quality of) the care provided?
- (How) can we explain the observed forms and meanings?

Research design & methodology

- Design: empirical interpretative qualitative study
- Methods: ethnographic methods such as participant observation and informal interviews
- Field: oncology department of a general hospital in the Netherlands
- Participants: both caregivers (doctors and nurses) and care receivers (patients and their family)

2. Existing perspectives on attentiveness

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in the ethics of care:

- Attentiveness = the ethical element coupled with *caring about*, the first phase of care (Tronto)
- Attentiveness = care (Conradi)
- Attentiveness = essential quality standard: no good care without attentiveness (Baart)

2. Existing perspectives on attentiveness

outside the ethics of care:

- Psychology (concentration)
- Philosophy (consciousness) and phenomenology (perception)
- Theology / spirituality (dedication)
- Literature / art theory (creation of meaning)

2. Existing perspectives on attentiveness

Example. Attentiveness in different forms/meanings:

- Attentiveness to the pain of the patient
- Attentiveness to the person who is in pain.
- Observing attention necessary to ensure that patients take their medication
- Attention that notes that the pills are not taken but still on the night table
- Attention that keeps an eye on a patient's use of Primperan in order to prevent him from using too much

3. The difficulty of using these existing perspectives

3. Difficulty of using existing perspectives

- Let ourselves be nourished by the existing insights...
- ...however: accompanied by comprehensive clarification of problem and perspective!
- Common ground and dialogue are missing...
- What does it mean to combine insights of perspectives that were completely independent of each other until now? (Both difficulty and advantage)
- Openness and reflection with regard to this issue! (especially in a study on attention.....)

4. Towards a care ethical
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Attentiveness...

- is not an “extra” but constitutive for good care
- is an interdisciplinary (or intradisciplinary?) concept
- can be good but also bad
- is understood as a social phenomenon that can only occur between two or more people: it needs not only a “giver” but also a “receiver”
- is located at the intersection of attention as a cognitive capacity and attention expressing itself as love or care
- is not only an attitude or a virtue but requires certain competencies
- sees, which is necessary (for care), but is also good in itself (=care)
- has an object or theme, which can be fixed but also dynamic
- is connected with intention: attention is always given from a certain position, formed and restricted by a certain (institutional) context, etc.

5. Towards a care ethical conceptualisation of attentiveness: *an empirically grounded conceptualisation*

The challenge of grounded theory:

Researcher must develop theoretical sensitivity to be able to identify theoretically relevant phenomena.

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Theoretical concepts emerge from the data as the researcher enters the field without preconceived theories or hypotheses.

4. Towards a care ethical conceptualisation of attentiveness: *the theoretical points of departure*

Which care ethical criteria can we find in the conceptualization?

1. Attentiveness is interpreted *in a moral/ethical way*:
 - Level of individuals
 - Institutional level
2. Attentiveness is a *practice*.
3. Attentiveness is *relational* and *situation-specific*.
4. What attentiveness is, finds its answer in *responsiveness* (Tronto).

>>> These criteria force us to undertake empirical research...

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	Casus	Extra info	Hoe begint het? (aanleiding?)	Hoe begint het? (aanleiding?)	Wat is het doel van pt?	Hoe bekend zijn Zv-Pt met elkaar?	Hoe ziet Pt de Zv?	Hoe is perceptie Pt te verklaren? (waarop is zijn beeld v Zv)	Hoe ziet Zv de patiënt?	Hoe is perceptie Zv te verklaren? (waarop is zijn beeld v pt)	Welke rol speelt interpretatie?	Contextfactoren: wat speelt er (mogelijk) nog meer mee?	Hoe coö...
1													
2			Startsituatie zorgverlener (aandacht bezet/onbezet?)	Hoe ziet het appel eruit?									
3	1a. Mw. E_A	Pte is vriendelijk, duidelijk, goed verzorgd.	Vpk is in de kamer wegens andere reden; heeft nu handen vrij. =ruimte	Expliciet verzoek	Litteken (laten) insmeren; pijn/irritatie verminderen.	Kennen elkaar nauwelijks	Een vriendelijke verpleegkundige (die ringen snaptaanvoelt??) met een takenpakket dat insmeren toestaat. (NB: dit beeld blijft bestaan > vpk maakt verwachting waar.)	Standaard aanname: standaard verwachting van hoe en waarvoor een verpleegkundige is.	Een goed verzorgde, vriendelijke vrouw die nadere verzorging vraagt (insmeren) voor haar pijnlijke litteken.	Vermieden op basis van interpreteren+includer en uiterlijke kenmerken pte.	Eteperkt: verzoek is eenduidig. Lastig: uiterlijke kenmerken van patiënt vertalen naar wie ze is.	x	
4	1b. Mw. E_B	Pte is vriendelijk, duidelijk, goed verzorgd.	Vpk is medicijnen aan het ronddelen. =aandacht is bezet	Explicite (negatieve) uiting, tamelijk kritisch, geen expliciet verzoek	Geen (direct, voor zichzelf duidelijk) doel	Kennen elkaar nauwelijks	Gewoon weer een verpleegkundige (negatiever beeld dan dag ervoor? Begint ze daarom op assertievere toon??) (NB: vpk bevestigt/verstert negatief beeld)	Negatiever beeld van vpkn door ervaren hebben van klungelende collega-vpk (vochtbalans). ??	Een kakmadam die zeurt en klaagt.	Standaard aanname: pte uit zich kritisch en wordt meteen als "klager" en "zeur" bestempeld. Projectie/vooroord: deze vpk is in het algemeen cynisch/negatief [KK]. Of toch vermieden op basis van interpretatie?	Ingewikkeld: object onbekend, expliciet verzoek afwezig.	Professionele overtuiging van Zv: "nooit zelf over iets beginnen, nooit doorvragen; misschien zit pt daar niet op te wachten" Tijdsdruk door collega's: gaat bijna met pensioen, zit de tijd gelaten uit. (NB: Aparte kolommen maken van deze variabelen?)	
5	2. Dhr. L.	Arts vergist zich een keer; pt komt pessimistisch over	Arts-ass. loopt ronde over de afd. (die hij niet gewend is); zoekt een voor een ptn op. =ruimte gereserveerd voor ptn (volgens bepaald stramen)	Herhaalde (negatieve) uitingen (ook gezichtsuitdrukkingen), geen expliciet verzoek	Geen (direct, voor zichzelf duidelijk) doel	Kennen elkaar niet	Warrige arts-assistent die zijn werk serieus doet maar niet echt betrokken is. (aan te einde iets meer begrip?)	Nu ervaren van touthmakende arts (1), ervaren hebben van onbetrokken zorgverleners (2).	H't met angst om lichamelijke klachten (stereotype?)	Standaard aanname: pt die vertelt over lichamelijke klachten wil horen dat die niet ernstig zijn (gerustgesteld worden).	Ingewikkeld: object onbekend, expliciet verzoek afwezig. Echter: angst uitingen zijn herhaaldelijk (=tamelijk eenvoudig)	Unbekendheid ZV met deze afdeling/shelft)	
6	3. Dhr. J_1	Pt is "open boek"/kinderlijk (makkelijk om te zien wat er in hem omgaat); pt uit waardering	Arts-ass. loopt ronde over de afd.; zoekt een voor een ptn op. =ruimte gereserveerd voor ptn	Duidelijke verbale en fysieke uitingen, geen expliciet verzoek.	Geen (direct, voor zichzelf duidelijk) doel	Kennen elkaar al een tijdje (binnen huidige opname).	Betrokken arts-assistent die krediet heeft gebouwd.	Ervaren hebben van haar betrokkenheid.	Kinderlijke, warrige man in moeilijke situatie die bang is dat iedereen hem in de steek laat.	Stellig vermieden op basis van interpreteren+includer en gedrag v pt.	Gemiddeld: geen expliciet verzoek maar wel duidelijke, eenduidige uitingen (pt is makkelijk "leesbaar").		

5. Towards a care ethical conceptualisation of attentiveness: *an empirically grounded conceptualisation*

Back to the key question of this presentation:

How is *attentiveness* conceptualized to make it researchable from an ethics of care perspective?

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PERSPECTIEVEN OP VRIENDSCHAP



Kwetsbaar maar niet alleen kwetsbaar

Maar niet alleen



VAN TELLEN NAAR VERTELLEN, EN TERUG



GOEDE ZORG VOOR MENSEN MET DEMENTIE



Relationele afstemming



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