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Research shows that older persons' self-determination is not fully respected within the health care sector, and knowledge concerning older persons' experiences of their self-determination when developing dependence in daily activities is limited. Therefore, the aim of this manuscript was to explore experiences of self-determination when developing dependence in daily activities among persons 80 years and older. This qualitative study showed that self-determination was related to a shift between governing by oneself or being governed by the aging body or by other persons. The findings imply a need to adopt a person-centred approach in order to enhance older persons possibilities to exercise self-determination.

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