Reviewer’s report

Title: Care relationships at stake? Home health care personnel's experiences with digital medication dispensers - a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Paulina Sockolow

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The authors investigated professional caregivers' interview responses regarding the impact of digital medicine dispensers on their relationships with patients. Overall, the article is well written and insightful. A few spelling errors (e.g. dilemma) and a number of comma punctuation issues need to be addressed. Comments that are specific to statements in the paper follow.

Introduction

For readers outside the authors' country:

* Describe municipal healthcare services, and how it differs from community healthcare services

* Define ICT in the article (the list of abbreviations at the end is not a style familiar to American readers)

Background

Explain what are ASEs (see above point)

P. 5, line 33: citations 19 & 20 are dated 2004. Are there more recent studies in the literature? What were the digital aids described in the cited studies?

Data collection

Provide a descriptive summary of the interview instrument, including description of number of questions and validity.
Analyses

Was software used to analyze responses? Was inter-rater reliability among analysts measured?

Enumerate the themes on lines 24-26 so as to match the sentence that follows

Line 28: clarify what is meant by: "meaningful entities were sampled".

Lines 30-31: clarify what is meant by: "codes were connected to the text units".

Line 31: clarify what is meant by: "citations across each code"

Results

p. 12, line 15: reference to frail older users raises the question whether the comment made on p. 10, line 57 was made by a frail older person. If not, the interpretation of these 2 comments are not entirely consistent and this issue should be addressed.

p. 11, line 24: what does rationalization mean here?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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