



Two Sides of the Same Coin?

- Coping with medications and coping with life -

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Background

- Wider PhD study on narrative within assessment
- Medication used as a subset or exemplar of assessment
- 20 community dwelling older people interviewed twice – 1st time using interRAI MDS-HC tool as assessment framework



2nd interview using semi-structured interview approach asking about beliefs and practices in medication-taking





Methods

- Interviews audiotaped, transcribed
- Both sets of interviews (40 in total) analysed using narrative and discursive analysis. Informed by critical gerontology, positioning theory (Davies & Harre, 1990).

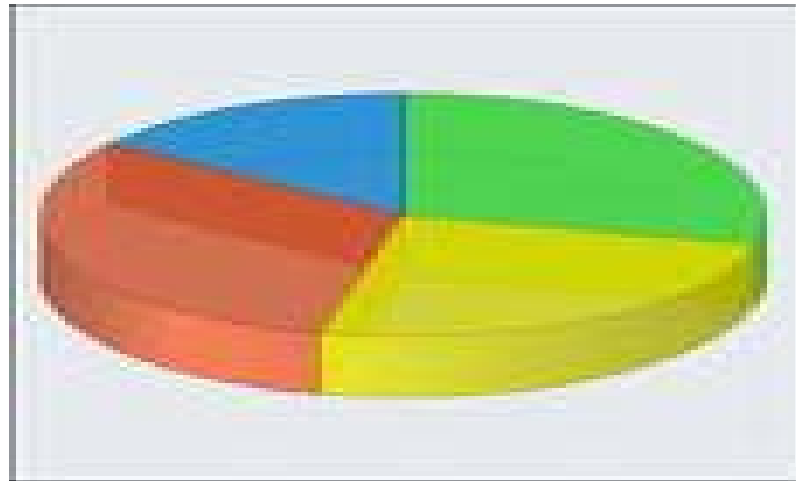



Core Results

- First stage of results indicated that both interviewing using a structured tool and interviewing using a qualitative approach, generated NARRATIVE responses
- Medication results which focus on GP/older person relationship published elsewhere

Results also Generated a Question:

- In the complex, multi-faceted pie chart of of older peoples' lives...



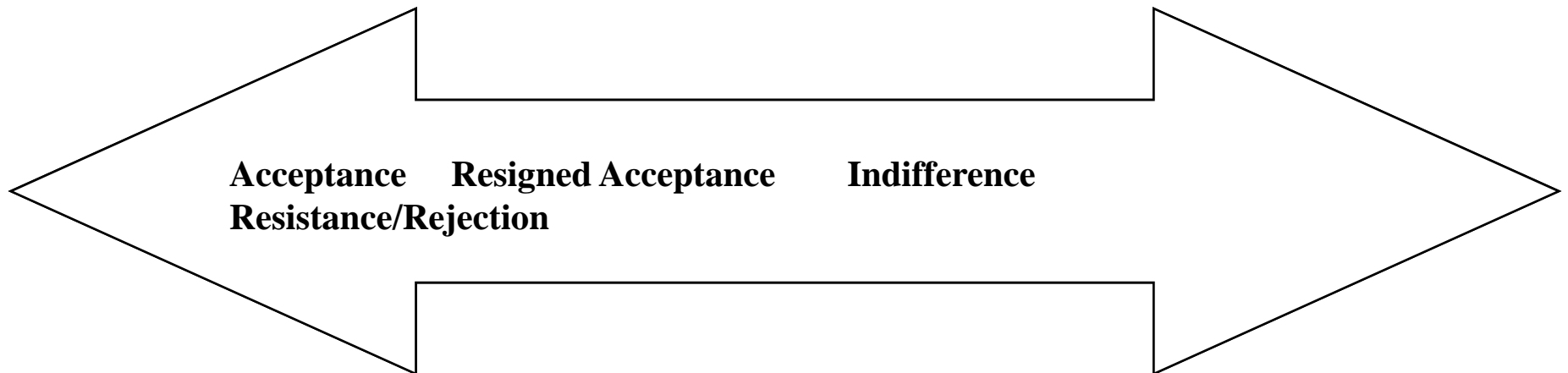


How can reported beliefs, responses, outlook and approach to medication be seen to run parallel as to how older people react towards wider coping in life: particularly towards illness events and interaction with the health system, to which assessment is the gateway?

Why this question?

- A model of coping with medication arose for the study results:

Medication Beliefs Model





The '3S' Model:

A Model of Coping Repertoires

- Succumbing
- Surviving
- Surmounting

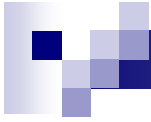


3 Case Studies

- Alison

- Fiona

- Hazel



- The three older people in the case studies fall predominantly within one of the 3S categories as evidenced by how they reveal they are coping which is embedded within their talk, their actions and their beliefs/attitudes/values systems.



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