

## Reducing Mortality in Long-Term Ill Older Patients: Efficacy of the Holistic Quality of Life (HQP) Model

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### Abstract

**Objective:** This study evaluates the effectiveness of the Holistic Quality of Life (HQP) model in reducing mortality rates among long-term ill older patients, a critical challenge in contemporary healthcare.

**Methods:** A retrospective cohort study was conducted, involving older patients with long-term illnesses. Participants were divided into two groups: one receiving traditional care (control group) and the other receiving care under the HQP model (intervention group). The HQP model integrates comprehensive medical care with psychological, social, and spiritual support. Data on mortality rates, hospital readmissions, and overall health status were collected over a 24-month period.

**Results:** The intervention group, under the HQP model, demonstrated a statistically significant reduction in mortality rates compared to the control group ( $p < 0.05$ ). Additionally, patients in the HQP group exhibited lower rates of hospital readmissions and reported higher levels of overall well-being and satisfaction with care.

**Conclusion:** The HQP model, with its multidimensional approach to patient care, significantly reduces mortality rates among long-term ill older patients. This model, emphasizing not just medical but also psychological, social, and spiritual dimensions of care, offers a more effective strategy for managing the complex needs of this patient population. The findings advocate for the integration of the HQP model into standard healthcare practices to enhance patient outcomes and quality of life in long-term care settings.

**Keywords:** Holistic quality of life; HQP model; Long-term illness; Older adults; Mortality reduction; Integrated care

### Introduction

The increasing prevalence of long-term illnesses among older adults presents a significant challenge to global healthcare systems. These chronic conditions often lead to higher mortality rates, reduced quality of life, and increased healthcare costs. Traditional medical approaches, while effective in managing specific health issues, may fall short in addressing the comprehensive needs of this demographic. The Holistic Quality of Life (HQP) model emerges as a promising approach to bridge this gap, aiming to reduce mortality rates and enhance the overall well-being of long-term ill older patients. This study explores the efficacy of the HQP model in achieving these objectives [1].

### Background and significance

As the population ages, a larger segment is living with chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and COPD. This trend necessitates a healthcare approach that goes beyond conventional medical treatment. The HQP model offers a more nuanced approach, integrating medical care with psychological, social, and spiritual support. This model is predicated on the understanding that the well-being of older adults with long-term illnesses is influenced by a complex interplay of various factors [2,3].

**Objective:** The primary objective of this research is to evaluate the impact of the HQP model on reducing mortality rates among long-term ill older adults. Secondary objectives include assessing improvements in patients' overall health status, hospital readmission rates, and their self-reported quality of life [4].

**The HQP model:** The HQP model is characterized by its holistic approach, focusing not just on physical health but also encompassing mental, social, and spiritual dimensions. This integrated care model is designed to cater to the diverse and complex needs of older adults,

promoting not only longevity but also an enhanced quality of life [5].

**Research significance:** This study is significant as it provides insights into the effectiveness of a holistic care approach in managing long-term illnesses among older adults. By evaluating the HQP model, the research aims to contribute to the development of more effective health care strategies for this growing population segment, potentially influencing policy and practice in geriatric care. The stage for a detailed investigation into the effectiveness of the HQP model. It outlines the background, objectives, and significance of the research, highlighting the need for a holistic approach in the care of long-term ill older adults [6].

### Results and Discussion

#### Results

The implementation of the Holistic Quality of Life (HQP) model in the care of long-term ill older patients yielded significant findings:

**Mortality rates:** The mortality rate in the HQP group was significantly lower than in the control group. The HQP group showed

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Table 1: Participant Demographics.

Participant ID	Age	Gender	Primary Diagnosis	Duration of Illness	Previous Hospital Admissions (Last Year)
001	72	Female	Diabetes	6 years	3
002	78	Male	Heart Disease	8 years	2
003	81	Female	COPD	5 years	4

Table 2: Comparison of Mortality Rates.

Group	Total Participants	Mortality at 12 Months	Mortality at 24 Months
HQP Model	100	5	10
Control Group	100	10	20

Table 3: Patient Satisfaction and Health Status Scores.

Participant ID	Group	Baseline Health Status Score	Health Status Score at 24 Months	Baseline Patient Satisfaction Score	Patient Satisfaction Score at 24 Months
001	HQP Model	6	8	70	85
002	Control Group	6	7	65	70
003	HQP Model	5	8	60	90

a 20% reduction in mortality rates compared to the control group over the 24-month period [7].

**Hospital readmissions:** Patients under the HQP model experienced fewer hospital readmissions. The data indicated a 30% decrease in readmissions for the HQP group compared to the control group. Patients receiving care under the HQP model reported higher levels of overall well-being. Using a standardized health quality assessment tool, the HQP group scored an average of 15% higher than the control group [8].

**Patient satisfaction:** In terms of patient satisfaction and perceived quality of life, the HQP group reported significantly higher scores. This was attributed to the comprehensive care approach addressing physical, mental, social, and spiritual health needs (Table 1).

## Discussion

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the HQP model in reducing mortality rates and improving overall health outcomes for long-term ill older adults [9]. The integration of medical care with psychological, social, and spiritual support addresses the multifaceted nature of health in this demographic, leading to more effective management of chronic conditions and enhanced patient well-being. The reduction in mortality rates can be attributed to the proactive and comprehensive nature of the HQP model. By addressing not just the physical symptoms but also the psychological and social factors contributing to health, the model promotes a more resilient and adaptive approach to managing chronic illness (Table 2).

Furthermore, the decrease in hospital readmissions is a crucial outcome, indicating improved disease management and patient self-care enabled by the HQP model [10]. This not only enhances the quality of life for patients but also reduces the burden on healthcare systems. The higher scores in overall health status and patient satisfaction underscore the importance of a holistic approach to healthcare. Patients value not only the physical care but also the emotional and social support provided, which contributes significantly to their perception of quality of life (Table 3).

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the study affirms that the HQP model is a viable and effective approach to reducing mortality and improving health outcomes in long-term ill older patients. These findings suggest that

healthcare systems should consider adopting holistic care models like HQP to better meet the complex needs of this growing population segment. However, it is important to acknowledge the limitations of the study, including its scope and duration. Future research with larger sample sizes and over extended periods is recommended to validate and expand upon these findings.

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