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### **Dementia care across Europe (EGPRN PREDEM Collaborative Group) - what do family doctors think?**

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Dementia is still a stigma in some settings. Although the majority of individuals with or without cognitive impairment may prefer to be informed about a diagnosis of dementia for reasons pertaining to autonomy, primary care physicians do not always feel comfortable in breaking the bad news. Many physicians also fear that this may harm the relationship with their patients and therefore disclosing a dementia diagnosis should align with the patient's preferences, culture, educational level, and abilities. Another problem is the contrast between the effectiveness of the treatment and the expectations of the caregivers. We will present a look inside the emotional burden and the practical difficulties encountered by the GPs and the care givers of demented patients. Data has been extracted and analyzed from the 144 cases of dementia in 23 European Countries collected in the European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN) PREDEM Collaborative Study.