

Appendix A: Focus Group Guide - Nursing Staff

	Narrative prompt	Checklist // Memos	Specific questions	Directive and maintaining questions
15 minutes	Welcome			
	Welcome	• Corona-Rules • Audio-recording & pseudonymization • Note: confidentiality • Group rules • Any questions? • Do we need a break? • Introduction round: name, motivation for participation, medical discipline		
	Information on project	Project is named “Medicine and the good life in old age” ➔ We are interested in your attitudes and experiences with medical care of older adults. ➔ To get closer to this topic, we have prepared two scenarios, we’d like to discuss with you.		
20 minutes	Case vignette 1: artificial knee joint			
	What do you think about this? What advice would you give Mrs. Malsburg?	• Risks of surgery • Social consequences: daughters' point of view • Guilt / responsibility for her state of health • Right to take risks • Financial aspects: it is “worth it”?		Can you explain in more detail why you would decide like this? What would your decision depend on? How would you decide if ... was different? Can you put yourself in the shoes of Mrs. Malsburg’s daughters? What would then be your position?

20 minutes	Case vignette 2: feeding via gastric tube What do you think, when you read/hear this? What advice would you give Mr. Becker?	• Quality of life vs. time left • Scarcity of resources (time) • Consequences for family members/loved ones • Risks of PEG tube	Can you explain in more detail why you would decide like this? What would your decision depend on? How would you decide, if ... was different? Would you advise your father the same?
50 minutes	Physicians' / Nurses' own experiences I have the impression that we have collected and discussed the essential aspects of this case. And now we would like to know: What experiences have you yourself had in your everyday professional life?	In your opinion/experience, what needs do seniors have? What skills should be maintained to continue activities? What function should medicine have?	What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of medical care in old age? If discussion is too focused on pos./neg. aspects → specifically ask for neg./pos. examples. What opportunities / problems do you think arise from medicine for older people?
10 minutes	Closing It seems that we are slowly coming to an end... / considering the time, we should slowly come to an end. So, to summarize, we could say that...	• Summary • Did I forget anything? • Any questions	Questions noted during discussion Did I forget anything that seems important to you? Do you want to share anything we didn't discuss or have not discussed in enough detail?

Hand out form for expense allowance and certificate of attendance.