

Relocation Stress Syndrome

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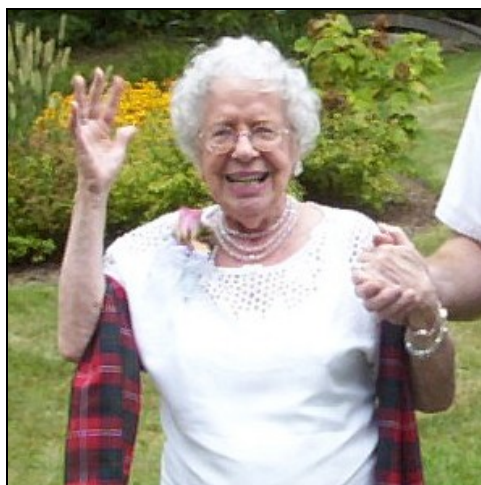
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Based on 40 years of documentation by geriatric care specialists, Relocation Stress Syndrome (RSS) was recognized as an official diagnosis in 1992 and defined as the physiologic and psychosocial disturbances that result from transfer from one environment to another.

The stress associated with relocation is so extreme that experts equate it with the stress of divorce or of a death in the family. Relocation Stress Syndrome (RSS) can last for several months, often persisting a year or longer.

As many as one million seniors currently live in facilities and, with the increasing need for senior communities, senior relocation is fast becoming a specialty area of focus for professionals serving this population.

Symptoms of Relocation Stress Syndrome can be measured in terms of mood, behavior, morbidity and mortality.

Patients transferred between long-term care institutions have a mortality risk two to four times greater than patients who are not transferred. Following relocation, a senior can expect an estimated 31 percent decrease in his or her social network and up to a 30 percent chance of a hospitalization within 30 days of moving.

