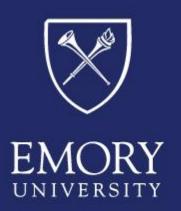
# Harnessing Technology for Collecting and Analyzing Caregiving Narratives



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- We rely on over 11 million family caregivers to support millions of people living with dementia in the USA.
- Dementia-caregivers report uniquely elevated levels of burden and mental health consequences.
- Narrative interventions can assuage consequences and address caregivers' desires to make meaning of their experiences
- Current methods for collecting and analyzing narrative interventions are costly, time intensive, and poorly suited for caregivers.

New methods of collecting and analyzing narrative data from dementia-caregivers will support development of vital narrative interventions.

#### Aim 1: Advancing Narrative Data Collection Practices

### Standard Practice



Trained researchers required to facilitate narrative sharing.

## New Practice



Participant engages in study completely independently.

Aim 2: Advancing Narrative Data Analysis Practices

# Standard Practice



Trained researchers required to conduct narrative analysis.

## New Practice



An automated software conducts narrative analysis.

Aim 1



Draft prototype module for narrative data collection



Conduct Focus groups to collect design feedback; revise



Test module implementation; compare to standard

Aim



Train software using team input and stored narrative data



Apply software to narrative dataset



Compare narrative codes from software to codes from standard

**Grant Period** 

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