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Research / dissertation project	
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<b>Subject / title of the project</b> Agency of the elderly client and the social worker in interprofessional elder care	
<b>Scientific importance</b> The research contributes to the growing body of knowledge in gerontological social work. It also deals with the methodological issue of how to use Membership Categorisation Analysis in studying the ways professionals categorise and process people in elder care institutions.	
<b>Practical relevance</b> The results help to reveal the position of social work in interprofessional elder care, and to find alternative, more client centered ways of working with the elderly clients.	
<b>Main thesis</b> It is not possible to measure completely the functioning ability with different how good ever indicators but negotiation and construction is always needed in defining the service needs of a client.	
<b>Research methodology</b> Narrative and theme interview Membership Categorisation Analysis (MCA) Case study	
<b>Key words</b> Interprofessional, gerontological social work, service needs, Membership Categorisation Analysis	
<b>Most relevant literature</b> Literature on categorizing people in health care settings: Susan White, Joanna Latimer Literature on people-processing: Jeffrey Prottas Methodological literature: Harvey Sacks, David Silverman, Charles Antaki, Sue Widdicombe, Carolyn Baker	
<b>Key finding (if already existing)</b> There is a gap between the everyday life world of the elderly client and the institution centered world of the professionals. The position of the social work in the studied case is somewhat subordinate to the other professions in the interprofessional team. X-ray is considered as a reliable means in defining the functional ability and the service need of the client in the studied case, and the surgeon as a most powerful agent in the defining process.	