Steps	Function	topic	Questions for the person with dementia
Opening	To get everyone to talk early in the	Brief description of	Describe the moments when you don't feel understood,
(1 question,	discussion. The longer it is before someone	experiences with	give some examples.
few minutes)	says something in a group, the less likely he	(technology-based)	What motivates you to participate in this discussion?
	or she is to say something.	simulation practices.	
	Designed to be easy and quickly to answer.		
	Best to ask for facts as opposed to attitudes		
	or opinions. Typically, not analysed.		
	Intention is to get people talking and to help		
	people to get comfortable.		
Introductory	Introduce the topic of the discussion and to	Thinking about the	Have you had any experience with self-experience
(1 question,	get people to start thinking about their	importance of	practices on dementia or other topics? What are your
few minutes)	connection with the topic. Encourage	(technology-based)	impressions of them?
	conversation. Usually, open-ended questions	simulation practices	
	that allow people to talk about how they see		
	or understand the issue under investigation.		
	Sometimes ask participants to remember		
	back when they first experienced the topic		
	under investigation. Or, "What is the first		

	thing that comes to mind when you hear the		
	phrase?"		
Transition	Move the conversation into the key	Experiences with the	Do you feel calm and more comfortable when a person
(2 questions,	questions that drive the study. Logical links	development,	approaches you in a gentle and understanding way?
a few	between the introductory questions and the	implementation or	What do you think about self-experience practices in
minutes)	key questions, moving closer to the key	using of	dementia care?
	questions. Go into more depth than the	(technology-based)	
	introductory question about their	simulation practices	
	experiences. Usually, people are becoming		
	aware how the others view the topic.		
Key	Key questions drive the study. Typically,	- State of the art	Do you think technology can help you improving your
questions	two to five questions. Usually begin about	of	communication with people around you?
(2-5	one third or to half of the way into the focus	(technology-bas	What do you need to be able to express yourself/ and or
questions) 70	group. Important for the moderator to know	ed) simulation	improve your communication with the others?
minutes in	the key questions: key questions need	practices	In your opinion, what is needed to put yourself in the
total	sufficient time and pauses and probing will	- Need for the	shoes of a person with dementia?
(10-20	likely be used more frequently.	development of	What should the people caring for you know about your
minutes per		a new integrated	particular situation?
questions)		technology-base	Who can benefit from self-experience practices?
		d simulation	How should such practices be further developed?
		practices	

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Final question		Final question		

Insurance question that no critical aspects		
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purpose of the focus group.		