

The University of Iowa College of Nursing  
Alzheimer's Family Role Trials Study

**ATTITUDES ABOUT FAMILIES CHECKLIST**

I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_  
(4-9)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(10-13)

**DIRECTIONS:** Please rate each of the following items according to your most current observations and feelings about family members of Alzheimer's residents you work with. Circle the number that best indicates your opinion about your work with the residents and families.

Scale: Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Strongly agree

	<u>Strongly disagree</u>						<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Col.</u>
1. Most family members rarely come to see their relatives with Alzheimer's.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(15)
2. Most family members won't accept that their relatives with Alzheimer's are mentally incompetent.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(16)
3. Family members have too many requests that make my work more difficult.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(17)
4. Most family members know a lot about how to relate to their relatives with Alzheimer's.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(18)
5. Family members make too much noise and disturb other residents with Alzheimer's.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(19)
6. Family members often bring ideas that are helpful about how to care for their relatives.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(20)
7. Working with the family is an important part of my work.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(21)
8. It seems that when families come to the Alzheimer's unit, the residents get more agitated.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(22)
9. Family members are good about helping with the care of the residents with Alzheimer's.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(23)
10. When family members are on the Alzheimer's unit they seem to not know what to do.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(24)

	<u>Strongly disagree</u>						<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Col.</u>
11. Family members understand that we care for a number of residents with Alzheimer's and cannot always do the things they request.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(25)
12. Most residents with Alzheimer's ignore their families that are with them and don't seem to care if they are there or not.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(26)
13. Family members should have as much say as possible concerning the care of their relatives with Alzheimer's.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(27)
14. Family members should remember that they are visitors at the institution and should strictly follow our rules.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(28)
15. The institution's rules about family member visits should be more strict.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(29)
16. When families are with their relatives they often stay too long.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(30)