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Who will take care for the next aging generation?, Ammann, C.G., Department of General Practice and Rural Health & Department of Philosophy, University of Otago, Dunedin.

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RESEARCH IDEA

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Intergenerational solidarity and elder care provision through the lens of the adult child generation. Central premise: 'What we remember about our earlier family lives does influence our later behavior in these families' versus moral dilemmas.

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SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

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The current understanding of the structure of intergenerational solidarity needs to be complemented by the psychological dynamics of the relationships between the generations. The understanding of the **intergenerational solidarity** derives mainly from fields other than psychology and focus on the perspective of the elder generation (see for example Lüscher et.al., 2002, 2011) but not adult children. While some models are based on psychological concepts such as ambivalence, rational choice, or reciprocity they ignore the intergenerational dynamics. Therefore, these models describe only a state, but not a process. It remains "unclear whether the research is actually about intergenerational conflict or **unresolved intergenerational issues**" (Beaton et.al., 2003).

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QUESTIONS FOR AUDIENCE

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- For a complete understanding of intergenerational solidarity it is crucial to investigate the societal and personal attitudes and sentiments in the Generation 45+ towards future elder care.
- Could there be a reason for someone to refuse to take care for their parents? – Even when elder respect is the social norm?
- Could personal memories stand in a possible opposition to moral obligations?

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