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**Introduction** [Last paragraph of the Introduction must indicate study objective(s).]

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[Optional] **Hypotheses**

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Examples below

**Figure 1**

*PRISMA Diagram from Covidence; January 1, 2013, to July 1, 2024*



**Figure 1**

*Data collection activities*

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**Tables**

Examples below

**Table 1**

*Example of Focus Group Questions*

|  |
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| Question |
| 1. What has been your experience in being a part of the implementation of virtual PIECES?
	1. What worked well?
	2. What could have been done differently or better?
	3. What new learnings did you gain in being part of the project?
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| 1. To what extent has the use of the PIECES approach with virtual team collaboration (videoconferencing) changed staff practice?
	1. Engagement of family members?
* How does involving family members in the care of residents fit into staff’s daily work experience?
* What were the benefits of using virtual technology?
* What were the detractions of using virtual technology?
	1. Collaboration of team members?
* How does the virtual team collaboration aspect of PIECES fit into the staff’s daily work experience?
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| 1. What did you think of the training and mentoring component of the PIECES project?
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| 1. How do you see virtual PIECES being used in the LTC home after the study is completed?
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| 1. How would you describe the level of success of the virtual implementation of the PIECES approach in the LTC home?
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| 1. How complicated is the implementation process of the PIECES approach with virtual care conferences?
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| 1. What do you think will continue to be put in place (e.g., huddles, algorithms, referral processes, PIECES shifts) so that staff can use the PIECES approach?
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**Table 2**

*Means, Standard Deviations, and Bivariate Correlations (Sample 1)*

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|  | Means | SD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1. SBNH-L total | 3.92 | 1.06 | **.96** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Age | 41.14 | 11.50 | -.13 | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Years in current position | 8.35 | 7.25 | -.13 | .57\*\* | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Number of subordinates | 59.20 | 142.98 | .18\* | -.10 | -.05 | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Team size | 42.14 | 101.87 | .10 | .01 | -.06 | .36\*\* | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Years as manager | 8.44 | 8.18 | -.05 | .73\*\* | .63\*\* | -.07 | -.02 | - |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Transformational leadership | 4.05 | .58 | .54\*\* | .14 | -.02 | .06 | .08 | .06 | **.82** |  |  |  |
| 8. Servant leadership | 5.67 | .73 | .50\*\* | -.03 | -.11 | .18\* | .03 | -.07 | .51\*\* | **.73** |  |  |
| 9. Authentic leadership | 3.07 | .48 | .49\*\* | .09 | -.01 | .14\* | .02 | .08 | .65\*\* | .52\*\* | **.87** |  |
| 10. Social desirability | 4.38 | .81 | .13 | .29\*\* | .23\*\* | .08 | -.01 | .19\*\* | .35\*\* | .17\*\* | .25\*\* | **.76** |

*Note.* Values in bold in the diagonal represent Cronbach’s alphas. \* *p* < .05. \*\* *p* < .01.