Personal dignity: a frequently mentioned concept in the context of care in the last phase of life. The concept is particularly important in nursing homes, where the aim is to care for older people in such a way that their dignity is preserved. But what does personal dignity mean in daily nursing home practice? Which factors are considered important for the preservation of dignity? And do nursing home residents’, staff’s and family members’ views on dignity correspond?

These are some of the main questions addressed in this thesis. The first part of this thesis focuses on views and experiences regarding personal dignity in the nursing home. The second part concerns the development, testing and application of a measurement instrument for personal dignity.