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When clinicians are aware of the functional performance changes that have occurred during cancer and chemotherapy, or may occur, they can work with the older adult to decide on treatment plans and home care to prepare for, manage, or reduce the

impact of these functional performance changes.

**377 Implementation of the Resident Assessment Instrument/Minimum Data Set in the Nursing Home as Organization: Implications for Quality Improvement in RN Clinical Assessment**

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Although originally developed as an assessment instrument and process to guide the development of comprehensive care plans for nursing home residents, the Resident Assessment Instrument/ Minimum Data Set now serves multiple purposes. It functions as the data source for NH reimbursement, quality measurement, quality monitoring, and research studies, as well as care planning.

**387 Macular Degeneration: Types, Causes, and Possible Interventions**

*Alice Feret, Sue Steinweg,*

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Macular degeneration continues to present a challenge to afflicted individuals, who are striving for independence in functioning, as well as to professionals looking for intervention strategies that might prevent or alter the nature of the condition.

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