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International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology (IAGG) in association with the World Health Organization (WHO) formed a task force to identify key concerns, research priorities, and actions to enhance the care to older adults in nursing homes. Nursing is equipped with the knowledge to take a leadership role in this IAGG/WHO initiative and their input is eagerly hoped for by the task force.

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