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It is well established that loneliness is a risk factor for poor physical and mental health, comparable in size to obesity, a sedentary lifestyle and possibly even smoking. The aim of this article is to present an argument for the management of loneliness in aged care residents as an important therapeutic target in gerontological nursing.

326 An Exploratory Investigation Using Appreciative Inquiry to Promote Nursing Oral Care

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341 Older Adults and HIV and STI Screening: The Patient Perspective

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350 A Case Study Using the Beers List Criteria to Compare Prescribing by Family Practitioners and Geriatric Specialists in a Rural Nursing Home

Todd Monroe, Michael Carter, and Abby Parish

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Person Environment-Fit (PE-Fit) is measured by considering the person, defined as a set of competencies, and the environment, defined in terms of demands. PE-Fit occurs when there is a match between the personal and environmental component. The purpose of this study was to describe and compare PE-Fit among residents living in "Welcome Home" versus those in traditional nursing home environments and to determine if there was a relationship between PE-Fit, physical activity (PA) and functional performance and if fit tends to be the same or different across these settings.

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