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- 423 Nursing home nurses' perceptions of emergency transfers from nursing homes to hospital: A review of qualitative studies using systematic methods**

Barbara O'Neill, Lynne Parkinson, Trudy Dwyer, and Kerry Reid-Searl

From seven reviewed studies, it was clear nursing home nurses are challenged by the complexity of the transfer process and understand their need for appropriate clinical knowledge, skills and resources.

- 431 Promoting self-transcendence and well-being in community-dwelling older adults: A pilot study of a psychoeducational intervention**

Valerie Lander McCarthy, Jiying Ling, Sharon Bowland, Lynne A. Hall, and Jennifer Connelly

Self-transcendence increased in the intervention group and decreased in the control group but not significantly.

- 438 Future distinguishing competencies of baccalaureate-educated registered nurses in nursing homes**

Ramona Backhaus, Hilde Verbeek, Erik van Rossum, Elizabeth Capezuti, and Jan P.H. Hamers

Thirty-one international experts, identified through literature and our professional network, participated in a two-round web-based survey and an expert meeting. Experts reached consensus on 16 desirable competencies, including some not traditionally associated with nursing expertise.

- 445 Homebound older adults: Prevalence, characteristics, health care utilization and quality of care**

Shirley Musich, Shaohung S. Wang, Kevin Hawkins, and Charlotte S. Yeh

Homebound older adults had significantly higher healthcare utilization and expenditures and were more likely to be noncompliant with medication adherence and care pattern rules.

- 451 Nursing discharge planning for older medical inpatients in Switzerland: A cross-sectional study**

Cedric Mabire, Christophe Büla, Diane Morin, and Celine Goulet

This study highlights large gaps in the nursing discharge planning process in older medical inpatients and identifies specific areas where improvements are most needed.

- 458 Optimal choice of footwear in the elderly population**

Daniel López López, Marta Elena Losa Iglesias, Ricardo Becerro de Bengoa Vallejo, Patricia Palomo López, Ángel Morales Ponce, Alfredo Soriano Medrano, and Francisco Alonso Tajés

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Decreased sensitivity and the absence of regular foot checks can contribute to the use of inadequate footwear. Often, it is necessary to use a different shoe size.

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Michael Bauer, Jo-Anne Rayner, Judy Tang, Susan Koch, Christine While, and Fleur O'Keefe

No significant differences were found between residents receiving Snoezelen and 'common best practice' interventions for the reduction of the dementia related behaviors.

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