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Improving care through diagnostic reasoning
Barbara Resnick

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FEATURE ARTICLES

Factors related to the mobility of hospitalized older adults: A prospective cohort study
Anna Zisberg and Anat Syn-Hershko
Results suggest that hospital environment, sleep-medications consumption, and caloric intake during hospitalization need to be addressed in attempts to improve inhospital mobility in older adults.

Influence of oral moisturizing jelly as a saliva substitute for the relief of xerostomia in elderly patients with hypertension and diabetes mellitus
Supranee Dalodom, Aroonwan Lam-ubol, Sutha Jeanmaneechotechai, Lalana Takamfoo, Watanyoo Intachai, Kochaporn Duangchada, Buakhao Hongsachum, Panitnarat Kanjanatiwat, Piwarakorn Vacharotayangul, and Dunyaporn Trachootham
The use of oral moisturizing jelly for 2 weeks significantly reduced symptoms of dry mouth, while the use for 1 month reduced the signs of xerostomia, prevented the decline of salivary pH(s) and improved buffering capacities.

Is the experience of meaningful activities understood in nursing homes? A qualitative study
Domingo Palacios-Geria, Cristina Gómez-Calero, José Miguel Cachón-Pérez, Juan Francisco Velarde-García, Rosa Martínez-Piedrola, and Marta Pérez-De-Heredia
Three main themes describing the significance of meaningful activity in nursing homes emerged from the data: Feeling the passage of time, Seeking an occupation, and Living with restrictions.

Impact of resistance training on sarcopenia in nursing care facilities: A pilot study
Bothaina H. Hassan, Jennifer Hewitt, Justin W.L. Keogh, Sandra Bermeo, Gustavo Duque, and Tim R. Henwood
Resistance and balance exercise has positive benefits for older adults residing in a nursing care facilities which may transfer to reduce disability and sarcopenia transition, but more work is needed to ensure improved program uptake among residents.

Physical factors underlying the Timed “Up and Go” test in older adults
Vicent Benavent-Caballer, Alejandro Sendín-Magdalena, Juan Francisco Lisón, Pedro Rosado-Calatayud, Juan José Amer-Cuenca, Pablo Salvador-Coloma, and Eva Segura-Ortí
The Timed “Up-and-Go” test is highly correlated with the Berg balance scale score and knee extension strength, measures that represent common performance tasks in everyday life.
Impact of self-tongue brushing on taste perception in Thai older adults: A pilot study
Jirakate Madfoggovit, Nattida Chotechuang, and Dunyaporn Trachootham

Oral hygiene influences taste, affecting appetite and nutrition in older adults. Based on this study results, continuous tongue brushing for 3 months reduced tongue coat and improved subjective taste in 74% of participants.

The impact of sleep duration on recovery post-hip fracture among older diabetic adults in Taiwan
Wen-Yu Kuo, Yea-Iing Lotus Shyu, Jong-Shyan Wang, Min-Chi Chen, Chi-Chuan Wu, and Yueh-Fang Huang

This longitudinal study found that an abnormal sleep duration and a low daily activity level were common among hip-fractured older people with DM during the first six months following hospital discharge for hip surgery.

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Assisting with food glorious food
Richard G. Stefanacci and Daniel Haimowitz

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