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- 483** Geriatric nursing and resilience in the midst of tropical storm Harvey

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- 485** A qualitative study to examine older adults' perceptions of health: Keys to aging successfully

Rifky Tkatch, Shirley Musich, Stephanie MacLeod, Sandra Kraemer, Kevin Hawkins, Ellen R. Wicker, and Douglas G. Armstrong

The results of this study indicate the importance of individual perceptions of health rather than just counts of chronic diseases.

- 491** Effectiveness of a balance-focused exercise program for enhancing functional fitness of older adults at risk of falling: A randomised controlled trial

Yanan Zhao, Pak-Kwong Chung, and Tom K. Tong

The balance-focused exercise can be applied as an effective way in improving overall functional fitness among older non-fallers who are at risk of falling.

- 498** Feasibility of the Translating Innovations into Practice-toolbox (TIP-toolbox): A mixed-methods study for implementing activity innovations in nursing homes

Nienke O. Kuk, Gerrie J.J.W. Bours, Jan P.H. Hamers, Gertrudis I.J.M. Kempen, and G.A. Rixt Zijlstra

The findings of this study indicate that the TIP-toolbox was feasible and supported nursing staff in developing an implementation plan, although minor adaptations are needed.

- 505** Factors affecting nursing staff use of a communication tool to reduce potentially preventable acute care transfers in long-term care

Stephanie A. Ballard, Matteo Peretti, Ovidiu Lungu, Philippe Voyer, Fruan Tabamo, Linda Alfonso, Deniz Cetin-Sahin, Sarasa M.A. Johnson, and Machelles Wilchesky

Project findings indicate that focused efforts to enrich training may increase intervention adherence. Experienced nurses in particular should be made aware of the benefits of utilizing communication tools.

- 510** Identifying distinct risk profiles to predict adverse events among community-dwelling older adults

Melissa O'Connor, Alexandra Hanlon, Elizabeth Mauer, Salimah Meghani, Ruth Masterson-Creber, Sherry Marcantonio, Ken Coburn, Janet Van Cleave, Joan Davitt, Barbara Riegel, Kathryn H. Bowles, Susan Keim, Sherry A. Greenberg, Justine S. Sefcik, Maxim Topaz, Dexia Kong, and Mary Naylor

The purpose of this study was to generate distinct risk profiles and compare these profiles in time to: hospitalization, emergency department (ED) visit or death in 371 community-dwelling older adults enrolled in a Medicare demonstration project.

- 520** Reframing continence care in care-dependence

Joan Ostaszkiewicz

The author developed a new framework that aims to support nurses and care workers in their efforts to identify and meet the continence care needs of individuals with complex health conditions who are dependent on another person for assistance to manage incontinence or to maintain continence.

527 Hearing loss education for older adults in primary care clinics: Benefits of a concise educational brochure

Margaret I. Wallhagen and
William J. Strawbridge

A simple educational brochure accompanied by a brief review of its contents may enhance effective use of hearing healthcare services.

531 Nursing home care trajectories for older adults following in-hospital palliative care consultation

Joan G. Carpenter, Patricia H. Berry, and
Mary Ersek

The purpose of this study was to describe the care trajectories, including indicators of quality care experiences, and care perceptions for patients discharged to a nursing home after receiving an inpatient palliative care consultation.

537 Evaluating the older adult experience of a web-based, tablet-delivered heart failure self-care program using gerontechnology principles

Harleah Buck, Anthony Pinter, Erika Poole,
John Boehmer, Andrew Foy, Sara Black, and
Tom Lloyd

Interviews suggest improved goal attainment and satisfaction with life for the older adults with use of the tablet.

542 Pilot testing a digital pet avatar for older adults

Nai-Ching Chi, Olivia Sparks,
Shih-Yin Lin, Amanda Lazar,
Hilaire J. Thompson, and George Demiris

Most of the participants enjoyed the companionship, entertainment, reminders, and instant assistance from the digital pet. However, participants identified limited conversational ability and technical issues as system challenges. Privacy, dependence, and cost were major concerns.

548 Using spontaneous commentary of nursing home residents to develop resident-centered measurement tools: A case study

Lauren R. Bangerter, Katherine Abbott,
Allison Heid, Karen Eshraghi, and
Kimberly Van Haltsma

This case study demonstrated how spontaneous commentary of long term care residents holds particular efficacy for ensuring that measurement tools are guided by the needs, concerns, and priorities of residents.

551 Testing the reliability and validity of a Transition Map for older adults in long term care settings

Steven M. Savvas, Stephen J. Gibson,
Paki Rizakis, Marie P. Vaughan, and
Samuel C. Scherer

Testing the reliability and validity of a Transition Map for older adults in long term care settings.

559 The Responsive Leadership Intervention: Improving leadership and individualized care in long-term care

Sienna Caspar, Anne Le, and
Katherine S. McGilton

The Responsive Leadership Intervention is a feasible method for improving responsive leadership practices and individualized care.

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567 Predicting inpatient delirium: The AWOL delirium risk-stratification score in clinical practice

Ethan G. Brown, S. Andrew Josephson, Noriko Anderson, Mary Reid, Melissa Lee, and Vanja C. Douglas

Involving minimal additional assessment, this nursing-based risk stratification score performed well as part of a multicomponent delirium care pathway.

573 A pilot exploration of the effect of designated Function Focused Care on mobility, functional dependence and falls frequency in Dutch nursing home residents

Eva S. van der Ploeg and Marleen L. Leermakers

This first pilot project in Dutch nursing homes has replicated the finding that Function Focused Care inspires functional independence, but also revealed a reduction in the number of falls amongst fallers.

578 Accuracy of documentation in the nursing care plan in long-term institutional care

Astrid Tuinman, Mathieu H.G. de Greef, Wim P. Krijnen, Wolter Paans, and Petrie F. Roodbol

Investments in resources (e.g., time), reasoning skills of nursing staff, and implementation of professional standards in accordance with legal requirements may be needed to enhance the quality of nursing documentation.

584 Adverse drug events reported by rural older adults

Marcia Y. Shade, Ann M. Berger, Claudia Chaperon, Gleb Haynatzki, and Linda Sobeski

Viable strategies are needed to monitor and reduce adverse drug events in community-dwelling older adults who use multiple medications to manage poor health and poor sleep.

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