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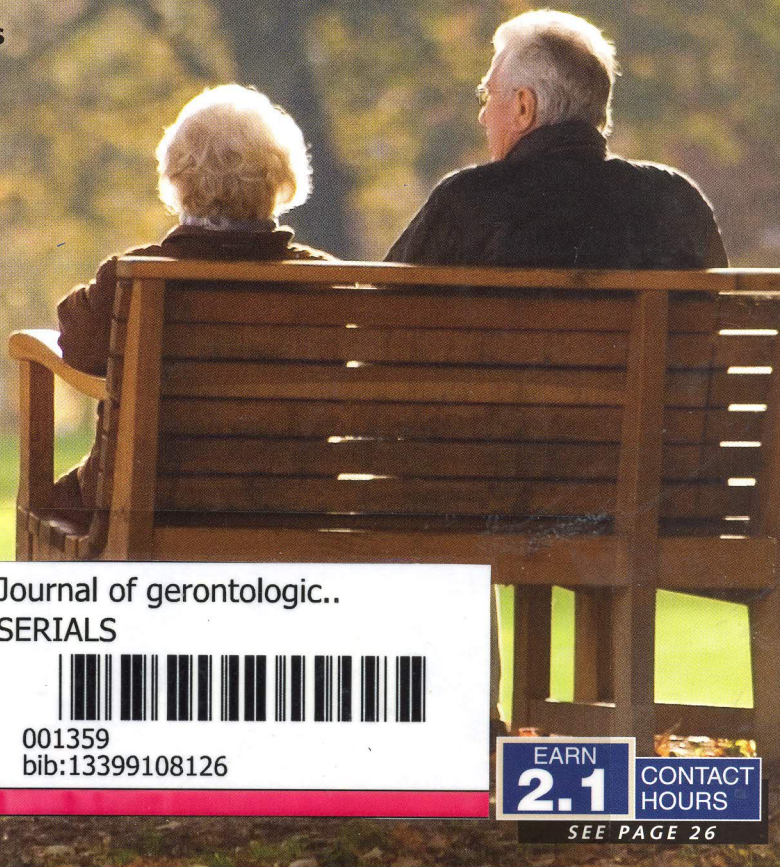
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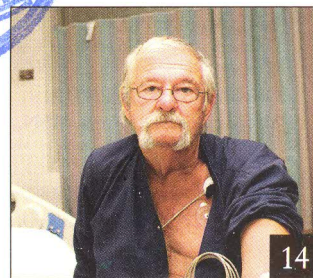


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Transitions Experienced by Older Survivors of Critical Care
Pave the way for a smooth transition to home by addressing modifiable factors such as delirium development and use of IV narcotics.

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Chronic Grief Management for Dementia Caregivers in Transition: Intervention Development and Implementation

12 weeks, 3 components—one program was designed to assuage grief and depression in family caregivers after placing a loved one in long-term care.

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Initial Efficacy of a Cardiac Rehabilitation Transition Program: Cardiac TRUST

A family-focused cardiac rehab intervention provides a bridge from hospitalization to outpatient care.

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Medication Regimens in Older Home Care Patients

Attention to polypharmacy, complex regimens, and use of potentially inappropriate medications is key to preventing re-hospitalization.

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Medication Reconciliation in Nursing Homes: Thematic Differences Between RN and LPN Staff

With safety at stake, how important is viewing medication reconciliation as an administrative task vs. a chance to put together the "big picture"?

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Substance Abuse in Older Adults: Policy Issues

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