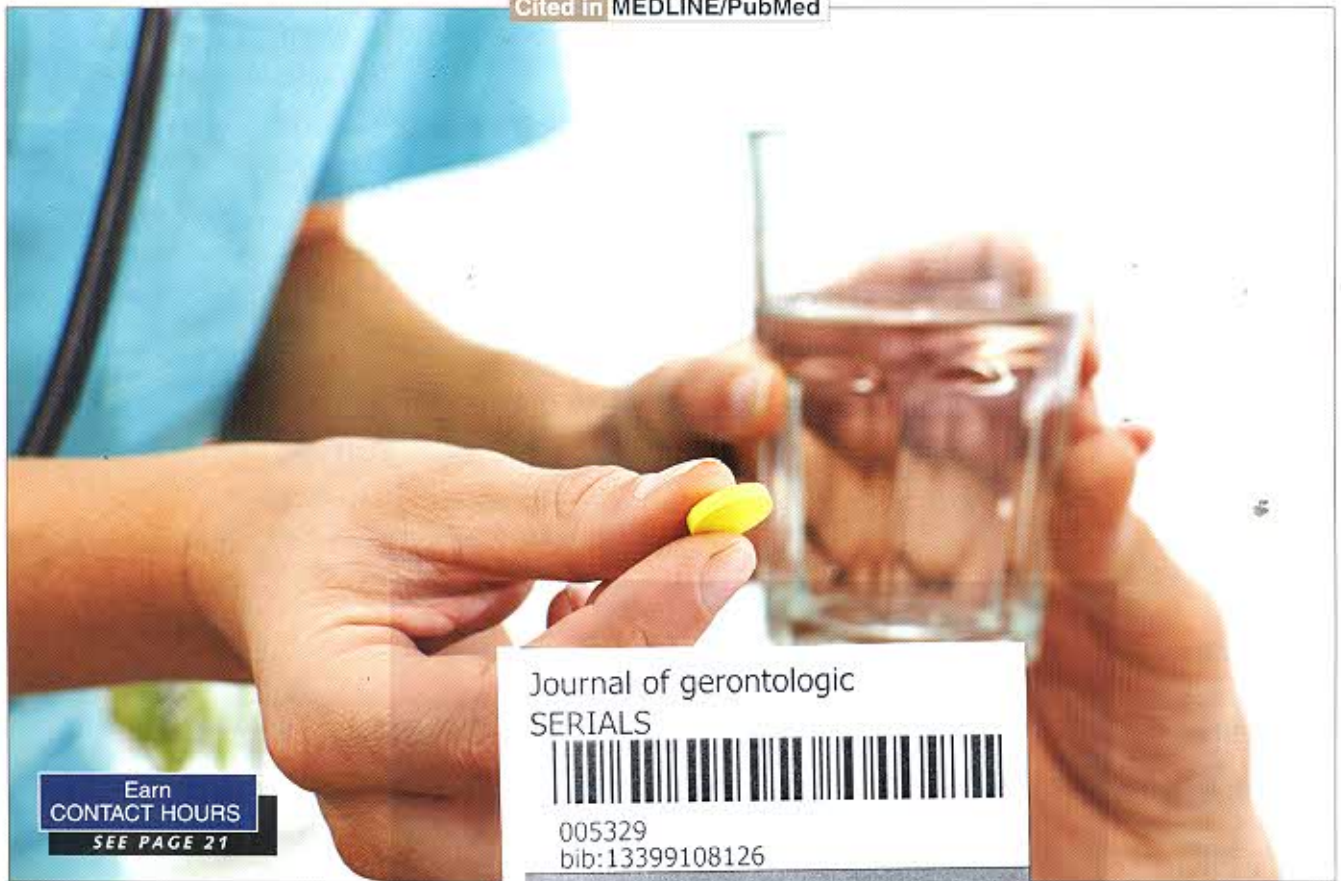


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Communication failures between nurses and medical providers have been linked to numerous errors, including unnecessary hospitalizations for conditions that could be safely managed in the long-term care setting.

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Effect of Aromatherapy Massage on Agitation and Depressive Mood in Individuals With Dementia

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