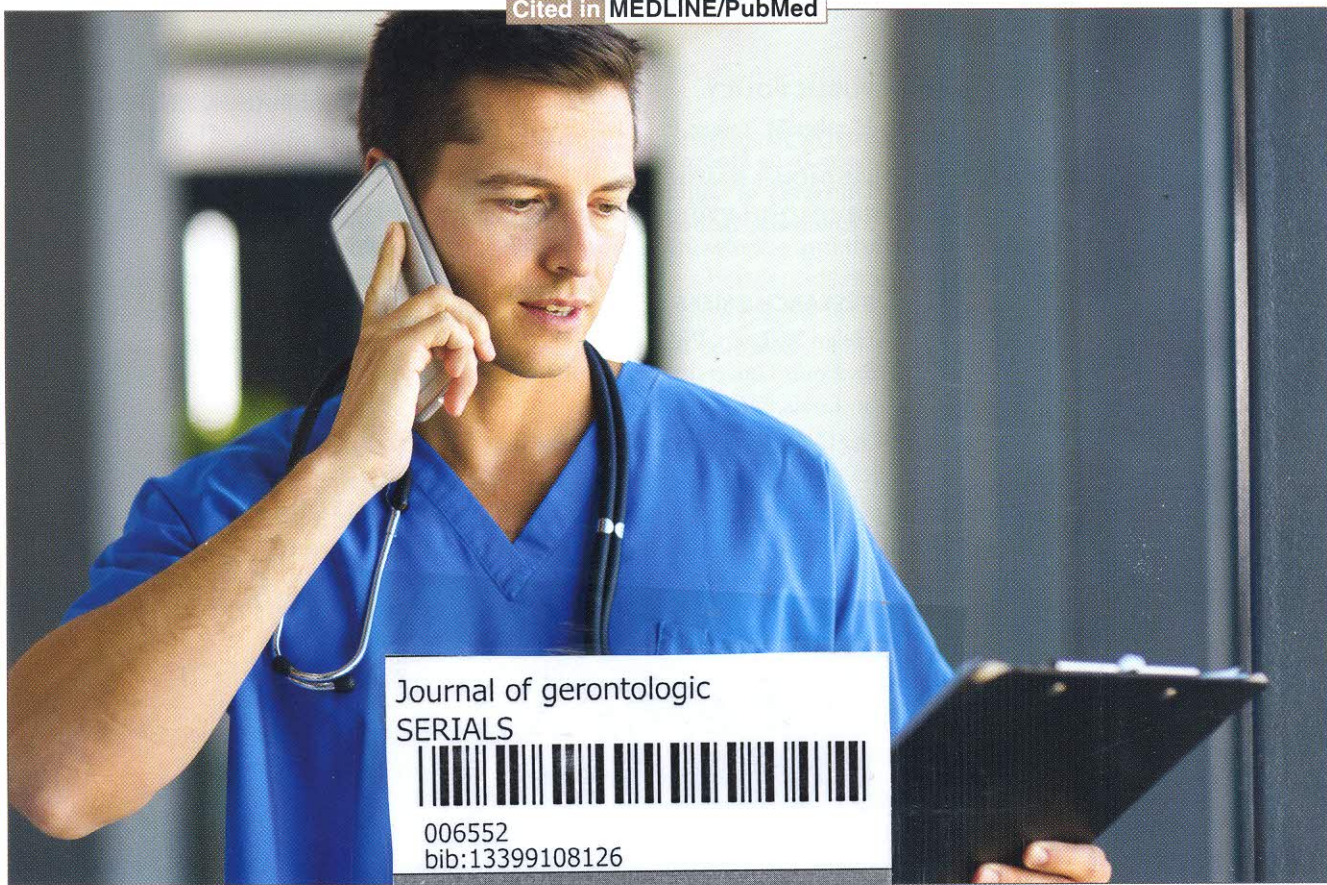


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17 Aging Individuals With Down Syndrome and Dementia as Teachers: Learnings from Staff in a Developmental Disability Program in Long-Term Care

Nurses and staff caring for aging individuals with Down syndrome and dementia need specific skills and knowledge to work effectively with these older adults.

Annette M. Lane, PhD, RN; Marlette B. Reed, MA, BEd; and Pamela Hawranik, PhD, RN



23 Improving Education and Communication in an Assisted Living Facility to Reduce Avoidable Emergency Department Transfers: A Quality Improvement Project

An increase in geriatric syndromes knowledge and the use of SBAR and STOP and WATCH tools may produce a better understanding of patients' needs and improve communication between nurses and providers.

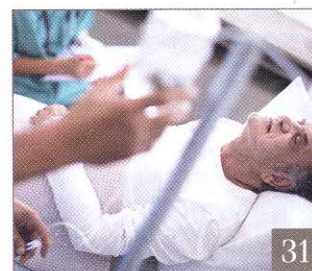
Betelehem Abate, DNP, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ANP-BC, RN-BC; and Brigit VanGraafeiland, DNP, CRNP, FAAN



31 Predictors of Emergency Department Use Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults

Age, health literacy, number of diseases, and cognitive function were found to be significant predictors of emergency department use.

Mu-Hsing Ho, MSN, RN; Chin-Hsiang Wang, MSN, RN; Jee Young Joo, PhD, RN; Hui-Chen (Rita) Chang, PhD, RN; Chia-Chi Chang, PhD, RN; and Megan F. Liu, PhD, RN



39 Effects of an Interdisciplinary Care Team on the Management of Alzheimer's Disease in China

Interdisciplinary care was shown to significantly improve overall activities of daily living in this patient population.

Chunying Chen, BA; Yingying Huang, BA; Caixia Liu, BA; Ying Xu, MA; Lingyan Zheng, BA; and Jun Li, BA

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