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453 Feasibility of nurses measuring gait speed in older community-dwelling Emergency Department patients
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The trained volunteers daily stimulate older patients, at risk of a delirium, to eat, to drink, and to exercise, and they provide walking assistance and cognitive stimulation.
Assessing knowledge, motivation and perceptions about falls prevention among care staff in a residential aged care setting
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