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- 97 Effectiveness of a community-based program for suicide prevention among elders with early-stage dementia: A controlled observational study**

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This community-based program in geriatric nursing practice can be effective in preventing suicide among elders with early stage dementia.

- 106 Compassion fatigue among nurses working with older adults**

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The study suggests that more experienced nurses have less compassion fatigue in comparison to newer nurses. It is possible that nurses who are better able to cope stay in their positions longer than less experienced nurses.

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While high patients' scores in hallucinations, sleep and night-time disturbances, anxiety, and aberrant motor behavior were the best predictors of professional caregiver's distress, agitation/aggression, delusions, disinhibition, apathy/indifference, depression/dysphoria, and elation/euphoria were the best predictors of informal caregiver's distress.

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Caregivers who received the training program were more likely than those who did not to have health-related quality of life that followed a well-functioning trajectory over 18 months.



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- 141 The association between antidepressant use and hemoglobin A1C in older adults**

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Antidepressant use was not associated with hemoglobin A1C in any model whether stratified or in the total combined sample.

- 146 Perspectives on caregiving: A qualitative evaluation of certified nursing assistants**

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The purpose of this quality improvement project was to promote the enthusiasm of baccalaureate nursing students in providing service to older adults by using the concept of service learning as a teaching strategy.



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