**Efficacy and generalizability of falls prevention interventions in nursing homes: a systematic review and Meta-analysis**

**Source:** Journal of the American Medical Directors Association

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**Date of publication:** 23 January 2020

**In a nutshell:** The aim of this study is to determine the efficacy of fall intervention programs in nursing homes (NHs) and the generalizability of these interventions to people living with cognitive impairment and dementia.

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**Educating health professionals to optimise falls screening in hospitals: protocol for a mixed methods study**

**Source:** BMC Health Services Research

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**Date of publication:** 22 January 2020, Vol. 20 Iss. 54

**In a nutshell:** Falls in hospitals remain a major challenge to patient safety. All hospitalised adults are at risk of falling during their inpatient stay, though this risk is not always realised by patients and clinicians. This study will evaluate the outcomes of a hospital clinician education program that teaches clinicians how to screen for falls risk and assign mitigation strategies using clinical reasoning, rather than relying on a standardised falls risk assessment tool (FRAT). The education program aims to increase clinician knowledge, motivation and confidence in screening falls risk and selecting individual falls prevention interventions. Perceptions of the education intervention will also be examined.

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**Evaluation of a falls and fire safety program for community-dwelling older adults**

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**In a nutshell:** Remembering When™ (RW) is a falls and fire prevention program delivered by fire service personnel and homecare organizations to help older adults live safely at home for as long as possible. This study evaluated changes in falls prevention and fire safety behaviors and perceptions and social support associated with falls and residential fires among older adults following delivery of the RW program by fire
Partnering to educate nurses in long-term care

Source: The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing

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In a nutshell: Despite a 2008 national call to retool a health care workforce for an aging America, the geriatrics-trained workforce is declining while the U.S. population continues to age. Formalized academic–practice partnerships between long-term care facilities and schools of nursing are one response to strengthening the work-force caring for older adults. This article details the activities of an intentional, synergistic, 3-year partnership between National HealthCare Corporation (NHC) and University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing. The partnership focused on providing continuing education and leadership development for NHC nurses while also providing nursing faculty with access to clinicians and patients in long-term care for the purposes of education, research, and quality improvement. The ultimate goal for both partners was improved patient outcomes.

Home-dwelling persons with dementia's perception on care support: Qualitative study

Source: Nursing Ethics

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In a nutshell: Over the last years, there has been a growth in care solutions aiming to support home-dwelling persons with dementia. Assistive technology and voluntarism have emerged as supplements to traditional homecare and daycare centers. However, patient participation is often lacking in decision-making processes, undermining ethical principles and basic human rights.

This study explores the perceptions of persons with dementia toward assistive technology, volunteer support, homecare services, and daycare centers.

The link between falls, social isolation and loneliness: a systematic review

Source: Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics

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In a nutshell: The chances of experiencing a fall among those aged 60 years and older increase as risk factors accumulate. In the last few decades, several studies have identified different risk factors for falls in older people, including the role of social isolation and loneliness. This systematic review provides an overview of published literature that analyzes the bidirectional relation between falls and social isolation or...
loneliness.

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