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DESCRIPTION

JAMDA is the official journal of AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. JAMDA is the leading peer-reviewed publication for practical information and research directly applicable to healthcare professionals providing post-acute and long-term care (PA/LTC), as well as policy-makers, organizational leaders, educators, and advocates.

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ORIGINAL STUDIES

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Conclusions and Implications - a brief summary of the implications of study findings for practice and/or policy, and research (if applicable).

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CONTROVERSIES IN CARE
Controversies in Care articles address a problem or practice in PA/LTC for which variation of opinion and response exists, creating challenges for clinicians and policy makers. These problems often lack a comprehensive evidence base and therefore tend to rely on expert opinion and/or regulations that lack widespread consensus. The body of the submission (excluding abstract and references) should generally be limited to 3,000 words; it can include 5 tables or figures, and 50 references. An unstructured abstract of up to 300 words is required, and although specific headings to organize the text are not prescribed, the body of the manuscript may best begin with a statement of the problem (often in the form of a case presentation), followed by a discussion of key issues; in all cases, the text should conclude with a section entitled "Implications for Practice, Policy, and/or Research," highlighting implications for practice and/or policy, and research (if applicable). For an example of a topic suitable to a Controversy in Care, see Nace DA, Drinka PJ, Crnich CJ. Clinical uncertainties in the approach to long term care residents with possible urinary tract infection. JAMDA 2014;15:133-139.
PRAGMATIC INNOVATIONS

Pragmatic Innovations articles present new, real-world, practical products or approaches to care intended to improve outcomes or processes in PA/LTC. They address important problems, have been shown to be feasible for implementation, and are developed based on evidence, but they may lack a strong evidence base regarding outcomes. *JAMDA* recognizes that many promising innovations are developed and used by clinicians and organizations but have not been subjected to clinical trials assessing their efficacy or effectiveness; by providing a venue to share these innovations, they may be adopted by others and their efficacy and effectiveness evaluated. Criteria for submission include: (1) presents a new, practical product or approach intended to improve outcomes or processes in PA/LTC; (2) addresses an important problem, and provides evidence (and citations) regarding the importance of the problem; (3) is shown to be feasible for implementation (e.g., data exist regarding successful implementation); (4) was developed based on evidence (e.g., to address known risk factors); and (5) includes considerations that may affect adoption and sustainability. An unstructured abstract is required, and suggested headings for the text include problem/significance; innovation; implementation; evaluation; and comment. For an example of a Pragmatic Innovation, see Smith DA. Documented, systematic and individualized communication with the attending physician for fall risk reduction/injury mitigation care planning. *JAMDA* 2018;19:714-716.

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