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- Ensuring Adequate Palliative and Hospice Care During COVID-19 Surges
- JAMDA: Older Adults Post-Incarceration: Restructuring Long-Term Services and Supports in the Time of COVID-19
- Safety and Immunogenicity of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-1273 Vaccine in Older Adults
- JAMDA: Evaluating perspectives of relatives of nursing home residents on the nursing home visiting restrictions during the COVID-19 crisis: a Dutch cross-sectional survey study
- JAMDA: Diagnostic Sensitivity of Nasopharyngeal RT-PCR in a Long-Term Care Home Outbreak

Podcasts/Webinars

- ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network: Coronavirus Testing in Nursing Homes. October 1, 2020, 1:30-3:00 ET
- Final Report Public Release Webinar: Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine, October 2, 10:00 AM ET

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