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[National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Celebrates Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week](#)



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NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Education Week is February 14th to the 21st. To celebrate the organization has developed an Education Tool Kit which contains Free Power Point Programs that can be used to provide in-service education for staff members. Education Week was developed and implemented by NCCDP to bring awareness to the importance of staff educators being trained and certified in dementia care. To access the Tool Kit and learn about the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. [Read more.](#)

[Smart Shoes: A Creative Approach in Fall Prevention](#)



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Approximately one-third of all falls taken by seniors require medical treatment, and 10 percent eventually lead to death. Those statistics spurred a scientist to develop a "smart shoe" that would help healthcare providers detect problems with balance and walking and alert seniors before they fall. [Read more.](#)

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Although healthcare has been concentrated in hospitals, clinics and other facilities over the past century, a Cleveland Clinic physician, Dr. Steven Landers, believes home healthcare is where the future of care lies. [Read more.](#)

[The Changing Family Unit](#)



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The number of children living in their grandparents' home increased by 8 percent compared with 2009, the second such rise in two years, and an indication that the recession is rearranging how people live. [Read more.](#)

[New Medicines Could Change the Trajectory of Alzheimer's Disease](#)



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New Alzheimer's treatments are needed to avert a public health crisis. By 2050 Alzheimer's disease could cost the U.S. \$1 trillion a year, but 98 new medicines in development offer hope of preventing this outcome. [Read more.](#)

[E-health Remains Key to Improving Patient Care in Hospitals and at Home](#)



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Health information technology continues to serve an important role in improving the type of care provided to patients in and out of hospitals, according to a report in Information Week. [Read more.](#)

[Discharge Planner/Case Managers Must Provide Freedom of Choice of Providers](#)



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All patients have the right to freedom of choice of providers and discharge planners and others who provide information to patients about their options have the legal and ethical obligations to honor those right. [Read more.](#)

[Study Finds No Clear Link Between Stress Levels and Weight Gain](#)



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A meta-analysis showed that 69% of 32 studies found no clear evidence linking stress levels to weight gain, while 25% of them linked higher stress levels to extra pounds. "Stress is not likely to play a major role in increasing body weight or obesity for most people. [Read more.](#)

[Active Lifestyle May Protect Against Common Cold](#)



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A study showed that people who exercised at least five days a week were 46% less likely to have common colds and experienced less severe forms of infection for shorter periods, compared with more sedentary people. Researchers said exercise could help boost the body's immune system to fight infections. [Read more.](#)

[New Study Shows Increase Rates of Drug Related Admission](#)



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Hospitalizations due to adverse effects of prescription, over-the-counter and illegal drugs rose by 117% for people ages 45 to 64 and by 87% for those aged 85 and older from 1997 to 2008, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality reported. "This report reveals a disturbing trend, and we need to find out more about why these admissions are increasing," AHRQ Director Dr. Carolyn Clancy said. [Read more.](#)

[Pain Levels Increase in Older Adults Before Death](#)



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A U.S. study of older adults found 26% reported pain two years before they died, with pain levels rising four months before death. About 46% of people reported moderate or severe pain in the month before they died. The researchers also found pain was more common among arthritis patients, 60% of whom reported experiencing moderate to severe pain one month before their death compared with 26% of those without the condition. [Read more.](#)

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